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Spryfield to host Battle for New Scotland amid concerns

Zane Woodford
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The Battle for New Scotland will be fought on a different battle-field than originally planned after the turf at the city's Wanderers Grounds was "deemed unsafe."

Sports and Entertainment Atlantic—the company that organized the rugby match between Rugby Canada and the Glasgow Warriors — sent out a news release Thursday saying the match would be played at Graves Oakley Memorial Park in Spryfield after personnel from the two teams inspected the original site.

The city had been trying for the past few months to revitalize the turf at the Wanderers Grounds after the venue was chosen for the match, and a report tabled at Halifax city council in March said that would be easy.

"The grass field is in excellent shape and would be easy to manure to top match standards," wrote Dr. John Gillis, Rugby Nova Scotia's director of men's rugby.

"We've done sodding, we've done seeding, we've done irrigation, fertilization — you name it, we've done it," city spokeswoman Jennifer Stairs said Thursday.

Stairs said the city spent no extra money to bring the field up to standards, and any costs associated with the change would fall on the organizers.

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Sebastian Gasi, 5, shows off his new backpack at the Salvation Army in Halifax on Thursday. JEFF HARPER/METRO

Kids get 'everything they need'

NORTH END

Low-income students get help heading back to school

Rebecca Dingwell
For Metro | Halifax

The Salvation Army's Centre of Hope in north-end Halifax was chock-full of children Thursday morning.

The reason? It's almost time for back-to-school.

Linda Elliott came up with the idea for the Back to School Program a decade ago, and she's partnered with the Salvation Army for seven years to help provide low-income families with the supplies they'll need for the classroom come September.

"Instead of (parents) hav-

ing to send their kids back to school with a grocery bag — they have dignity now," Elliott said Thursday. "They can fit in with their peers."

Many of the faces are familiar to Elliott. Often, the same families come to count on the Salvation Army when the school year rolls around.

Sabina Gasi is the mother of one of those families.

"It's very helpful," she said Thursday. "I'm so happy for the kids — that they're going to have everything they need to go back to school."

Not only are students given a free backpack filled with supplies, but they also get to pick out a pair of shoes.

"They get so happy and excited," Gasi said.

Special programs co-ordinator James Woods said the event is bigger than ever. This year, Woods said, they'll hand out supplies to about 200 students.

"I've brought in a few different donors than they've had in prior years," Woods said. "But we still have the main ones as well."

Woods said the Salvation Army went through the supply lists for the schools across Halifax regional school board. Program organizers then condensed it into a general list, which they tweaked based on age groups.

"We have calculators and stuff like that for the older kids," Woods explained.

Even players from the Halifax Mooseheads, the local QMJHL hockey team, were there Thursday to pay a visit.

"Anybody I mention it to definitely wants to help," Woods said.

The major goal is to send students back to school with a positive outlook.

"I want it to be uplifting ... especially for the less fortunate kids," she said.



Zariah Manuel gets her photo taken with Hal, the Halifax Mooseheads mascot, who stopped by the Salvation Army for a visit. JEFF HARPER/METRO



The general manager of King's Wharf marina and Harbour Water Taxi says the service is currently more popular on an on-demand basis. METRO FILE

Local water taxi looking to attract commuters

TRANSPORTATION

GM hopes to partner with others in Dartmouth



Stephanie Taylor
Metro | Halifax

It seems early forecasts show smooth sailing for a new water taxi service in Halifax, despite business not making huge waves for local commuters.

Mike Goble, general manager of King's Wharf marina and the Harbour Water Taxi, said since the service's launch in early July, there's been considerable learning, as is expected with any new business, particularly around ridership.

What was expected to attract a steady flow of riders on a scheduled service between Halifax and Dartmouth turned out to be more popular as an on-demand service, he explained.

"The commuter piece of the business hasn't really come to fruition yet," he said recently.

"Maybe next year, we're thinking about doing a full



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Mike Goble, general manager of King's Wharf

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Goble said he's not surprised to see the on-demand service thriving, especially pre-booked pickups and drop-offs around the harbour and the hourly round trips to and from McNabs Island on weekends, which has been a huge success.

Introducing the service into the daily transit routines of commuters will simply take time.

"It's a new service. I think it's going to take some time for (people) to sort of think about us as that option," he said.

Although he could not provide specific figures, Goble said the business is on target to hit

its goals this season, with the last trip expected to take place some time near the end of October.

The summer's spell of heavy fog and rain has also dampened ridership numbers a tad, he added.

In the future, Goble said his business hopes to partner with others in Dartmouth, to turn the east side of the Halifax Harbour into more of a destination for visitors.

For example, the recently opened Il Trullo Italian restaurant at King's Wharf offers discounts to customers who show a harbour taxi receipt for meals.

JUST FOR CATS

Feline festival is back



Haley Ryan
Metro | Halifax

Those headed to this weekend's Just for Cats festival will be feline good thanks to a BBQ, costume contest and outdoor screening of cat videos.

For it's second year in Halifax, the event celebrating all things kitties takes place Saturday evening from 7 to 9:30 p.m. in the fortress of the Halifax Citadel, with ticket proceeds going to the Nova Scotia SPCA and Spay Day HRM.

"Last year people actually brought cats, so we ended up throwing a contest together," Linda Felix of Spay Day HRM said with a laugh Thursday.

The cat contest will be repeated again this year for those who want to show off their "elaborate gear" for carrying kitties, Felix said, as well as a costume contest for adults and kids and a cat bouncy castle.

The main event will be the Just for Cats film, curated by the Walker Arts Center in Minneapolis, and shown in Canada through the Canadian Federation of Humane Societies.

Cats tend to be the more "downtrodden" of the family pets since abandonment is such a huge issue, Felix said, so it's important to raise awareness about spaying and neutering whenever possible, as well as to support organizations already overwhelmed with caring for strays.

"The need is great," Felix said.

Around 500 people came out to last year's event, which Felix said was "really surprising," so they're hoping to see that many or more on Saturday, which is expected to have nice weather.

Tickets are available at the door at \$10 for adults and \$5 for children, and a free shuttle runs from the bottom of the Citadel as well as the Centennial Pool to ease parking congestion.



Proceeds from this Saturday's Just for Cats festival go to Nova Scotia SPCA and Spay Day HRM. CONTRIBUTED

CONSULTATION

City to host open house on creating heritage district

Halifax is inviting residents to participate in a public consultation session and survey on establishing a heritage conversation district in Schmitzville.

The historic neighbourhood, bordered by Morris Street, Brenton Street, Dresden Row,

Birmingham Street and Clyde Street, is currently in the process of being designated as a conservation district, pending a new plan and bylaw by Halifax Regional Municipality staff.

The city will host an open house and community work-

shop at the Halifax Central Library on Wednesday, Sept. 9 from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.

Residents also have until Sept. 25 to complete an online survey at <http://shapeyourcity-halifax.ca/schmitzville>.

STEPHANIE TAYLOR/METRO

IN BRIEF

One dead in highway crash

One person died in a two-vehicle collision Thursday afternoon on a Nova Scotia highway.

Kings District RCMP said in a news release they responded to a crash between "a passenger car and a tractor trailer" at about 2:45 p.m. between exits 11 and 12 on Highway

101 in Kings County.

Emergency Health Services and the New Minas Fire Department also rushed to the scene, where "the lone male driver" of the car was pronounced dead at the scene, the news release said.

The tractor-trailer driver wasn't hurt.

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'I had to pinch myself'

THE WHITE HOUSE

SMU student shares master's research with Barack Obama

Rebecca Dingwell
For Metro | Halifax

A local university student got the opportunity of a lifetime when he met President Barack Obama earlier this month.

Osai Clarke attends Saint Mary's University in Halifax, where he's working on his Masters in applied science.

"I had to pinch myself," Clarke said Thursday of his arrival at the White House.

Clarke's mother, Elizabeth Darius-Clarke, is an ambassador to the United States for Saint Lucia. When the ambassadors had

the opportunity to present her credentials to the president, Darius-Clarke brought her family.

Clarke seized the opportunity and was allowed to present part of his three-minute thesis. "I felt really accomplished and really privileged."

Clarke's thesis is on plasmonic nano-architecture. Simply put, they're tiny structures used to manipulate light.

"We could use it to trap light more efficiently, allowing us to scale up the use of solar power," Clarke explained.

"The thickness of a strand of hair would be about 100,000 times larger than the structures I am speaking about."

Currently, the infrastructure used in solar panels is expensive. Clarke said it makes use of rare elements, such as tellurium and indium.

"(They) are suggested to be near extinction," Clarke said. "We only have, suggested, about

five to seven years for each of those."

Clarke hopes his research leads to more efficient, accessible solar technology.

His presentation came at a good time, as Obama had given a talk on "making a greener America" earlier that same day.

"He's actually a lot taller than I thought," Clarke said of the President. "He's a real jovial guy."

Clarke was thrilled to have the opportunity so early in his career. After his master's is done, he plans to pursue a PhD.

"I would love to open a company where (we) actually produce solar panels based on the research that we conduct in this lab," Clarke said.

Producing these nano-structured solar panels, Clarke said, presents a chance to help people who can't afford electricity as well as helping the environment.

"(It would) power phones," Clarke said. "They'd have internet — they'd have access to a whole lot of things that they don't have right now."

"Helping the environment (and) helping people — I guess that's my major goal," he said.



Saint Mary's University student Osai Clarke and his family met Barack Obama at the White House earlier this month. CONTRIBUTED



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Osai Clarke, Saint Mary's University student, on presenting his thesis at The White House



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Team Canada to battle in special match

SPORTS

New Scotland rugby game draws players



Zane Woodford
Metro | Halifax

Saturday's Battle for New Scotland international rugby match is a first for Nova Scotia, and it's all about growing the profile of the game in the province.

"It's not often that we get an international standard of rugby in Nova Scotia," Rugby Nova Scotia head coach Jack Hanratty said Thursday during a kids' rugby clinic at Citadel High School.

"All these guys are full time rugby players and about to go on the biggest rugby stage on earth next week."

That stage is the Rugby World



It's going to be a great game and it's going to be great for the city.

Bryan Kelly



Team Canada rugby player Doug Wooldridge works with school kids during a clinic in Halifax on Thursday. JEFF HARPER/METRO

Cup, being held in England starting Sept. 18.

Team Canada will hop on a plane to England on Sunday evening in Halifax to continue training before the squad's first match against Ireland on Sept. 19 in Cardiff, England.

The Battle for New Scotland, a match between Canada's national team and the Glasgow Warriors team is the ultimate warm-up for 31 of this nation's best.

"They're a very formidable side. It's going to be a great game

and it's going to be great for the city of Halifax and Rugby Nova Scotia," Rugby Canada spokesperson Bryan Kelly said Thursday.

But the team is confident they'll put on a good show for the home-nation crowd.

"We got a great squad for the world cup so we're looking to work on our systems and put them in the game, and get a 'W' for us moving forward," Rugby Canada prop Doug Wooldridge said.

"It's a big test for us, for sure."

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Game time: 3 p.m.
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Where: Graves Oakley Memorial Park, Spryfield
Tickets: Regular admission sold out, but some beer garden tickets still available at \$15 each (19+)

Wooldridge was one of a few players on the team who came out to the kids' clinic at Citadel High School in Halifax on Thursday afternoon, running drills and games with elementary school kids from around the province who were lucky enough to go.

"We're just having a little kids clinic, just seeing what kind of talent we have in Nova Scotia because we want a couple on the national team soon here," he said.

That is the goal for Rugby Nova Scotia.

"We have to have a strategy of what we want to do to develop rugby here in Nova Scotia," Hanratty said.

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Teachers' team-up tango

RECREATION

Groups unite to get instructors trained on kids' development

Rebecca Dingwall
For Metro | Halifax

For the first time, Dance Nova Scotia is making use of the High Five child-recreation program to launch a workshop, which starts this weekend.

The training is aimed at young dance teachers and teaching assistants and will address the developmental needs of children five to 12 years old.

Cliff Le Jeune, executive director of Dance Nova Scotia, said he's excited to have Recreation Nova Scotia and High Five on board.

"It's such a healthy approach to teaching," Le Jeune said Thursday. "Dance Nova Scotia likes to think we're taking a proactive approach to health."

"I think we're really the first province in Canada to do this,"

said Le Jeune. "It's very exciting and it gives our dance teachers another leg-up on working with children."

Dianne Milligan has been working with Recreation Nova Scotia in order to adapt the High Five program to dance. She's instructing the upcoming workshop.

"I immediately saw how (High Five) could connect to dance training," Milligan said.

Milligan took it upon herself to rewrite some of the case studies to reflect situations that may arise in dance class. For instance, physical bullying isn't usually a problem — but social bullying can sometimes be an issue.

Milligan said having emotional training, in addition to physical, is important for the relationship between student and teacher.

"Most parents are not putting their children in dance school to have them become a professional ballerina," Milligan said. "They want them to have fun, make friends (and) get some exercise."

"That's exactly what High Five celebrates."



Cliff Le Jeune, left, executive director of Dance Nova Scotia, and Dianne Milligan, who will run the upcoming High Five workshop, look over materials on Thursday. JEFF HARPER/METRO

LUNenburg COUNTY

Mounties break up drug ring

Nova Scotia RCMP charged more than a dozen people with drug offences after a lengthy investigation resulted in the search of eight properties Wednesday morning.

A news release issued Thursday by the RCMP said about 100 officers conducted those searches as part of Operation Hamlin in Lunenburg County and the Halifax region, finding powder and crack cocaine, prescription pills, marijuana, grow-op equipment, cash and firearms.

Four of the 14 accused were expected in Halifax provincial court Thursday morning, nine were expected in Bridgewater provincial court and police have issued an arrest warrant for another man.

RCMP Supt. Sylvie Bourassa-Muise said the arrests "will have a direct impact on Lunenburg County, as it has dismantled a main supply of illicit drugs to (its) streets."

More arrests and charges are expected as the investigation continues. METRO

ROADS

Man charged with drunken spree of car thefts, accidents

A Nova Scotia man faces a litany of charges following a crash that led officers to find three stolen vehicles.

Cumberland County RCMP said officers responded to a single-vehicle collision on Highway 336 in Tignish Bridge on Monday around 6:30 a.m.

Officers said they found a Chevrolet Silverado in a ditch and the driver, a 30-year-old man from Amherst, in the back of an ambulance. He was arrested for

impaired driving.

Shortly afterward, officers responded to a report of a break-and-enter and vehicle theft in Linden. Police allege the suspect entered the residence and stole keys to a Silverado, the same vehicle involved in the collision.

While investigating that incident, another vehicle, a Ford F-150, was found stuck in a ditch in Linden, police said. Investigators determined the Ford F-150 was also stolen from a nearby

residence in the same manner.

Police said a third stolen vehicle, a Honda Civic from Amherst, was also located in a nearby area.

Mark Ryan Matheson of Amherst faces 15 charges, including two counts of break-and-enter, theft of a motor vehicle and damage to property. He has also been charged with impaired driving, three counts of possession of stolen property and four counts of breach of conditions. METRO

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SMALL BUSINESS

Couple's greeting cards fill local niche



Haley Ryan
Metro | Halifax

A new Halifax company is helping to spread the love of couples and families usually left out of the greeting card aisle.

Last October, Stefanie MacDonald was in Calgary to celebrate the wedding of an aunt who was marrying her female partner.

When hunting for a “cute and quirky” design, MacDonald said she became more and more frustrated as she scanned the shelves to see only cards directed at a bride and groom.

“I started to think ‘I wonder how this feels on a day-to-day basis to go looking for special messages to share and not being able to find them,’” MacDonald said Thursday.

Once she got back to Halifax, MacDonald created her own digital card for the women, showing two grey-haired ladies with the words, “let’s grow old together” and a heart, which MacDonald said they loved.

With that, MacDonald said she was inspired to turn her love of art and helping others say what they feel into Halifax Paper Hearts with her partner, Lucas Rowe, which is based out of their Fairview home.

The “Love” collection doesn’t differentiate between LGBTQ



Stefanie MacDonald and Lucas Rowe of Halifax Paper Hearts show off their line in their home office on Thursday. JEFF HARPER/METRO

or straight designs, MacDonald said, and features cards depicting “hers and hers” towels, “his and his” toothbrushes in a shades of blue, and simply peanut butter and jam toast saying, “we’re better together.”

MacDonald also has a fairytale line in the works, with cards showing two princesses and the line, “they lived happily ever after.”

“We’ve been told that classic story over and over again that this is the way it is, the prince meets the princess ... and they

live happily ever after,” MacDonald said.

“I just wanted to give an opportunity for other people to experience that for themselves.”

Paper Hearts launches in retail stores such as Biscuit and Duly Noted in Halifax, as well as others across the province in September, but MacDonald said she’s already “overwhelmed” by the positive feedback she’s had from people requesting cards through the website.

Besides keeping traditional mail alive, which MacDonald said always gives someone a warmer feeling than a text, she’s excited to create custom cards for trans, non-binary couples or families looking to celebrate adoption.

“For me love is love and there’s no greater feeling than the feeling of connection and belonging,” MacDonald said.

“(We want) everyone to be able to express love because at the end of the day it just makes you feel good.”



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TRAVEL

Jazz Aviation, flight attendants reach tentative contract deal

Jazz Aviation, which provides regional service for Air Canada, says it has reached a tentative agreement with its 820 flight attendants.

The subsidiary of Chorus Aviation says details won’t be provided until the new labour agreement is ratified by members of the Canadian Flight Attendant Union.

The new contract follows 11-year contract deals this year with 1,380 Jazz pilots and 62 dispatchers.

The Halifax-based company said those deals were consistent with the amended capacity purchase agreement with Air Canada announced in January.

With its fleet of 120 aircraft, Jazz operates scheduled

passenger service on behalf of Canada’s largest airline with about 800 weekday departures to 55 destinations in Canada and to 19 in the United States.

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820

The airline company employs 820 flight attendants.

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There are approximately 120 aircraft within Jazz’s fleet.

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Its employees offer services on an estimated 800 weekday departures to 55 destinations in Canada, and another 19 in the United States.

1,380

Earlier this year Jazz Aviation inked an 11-year contract with its 1,380 pilots, in addition to 62 dispatchers.



Nova Scotia's Cybersafety Act was passed in May 2013 after Rehtaeh Parsons, 17, committed suicide after reportedly being bullied online. FACEBOOK

Cyber-safety law defended

BULLYING

Legislation fills gaps in criminal law, lawyer argues

An anti-cyberbullying law drafted in response to the Rehtaeh Parsons case was defended Thursday in Halifax as necessary to fill in significant gaps in the criminal law.

Nova Scotia's Cybersafety Act is the subject of a Charter challenge by Halifax lawyer David Fraser as part of a case involving client Robert Snell, who was placed under a cyber safety protection order sought by his former business partner Giles Crouch last December.

Fraser says the law is too broad and is an "unreasonable and unjustified" infringement of freedom of expression rights.

The Crown wrapped up its arguments Thursday in the Supreme Court of Nova Scotia after Judge Glen McDougall ruled earlier this week that the protection order should be maintained.

McDougall reserved his decision on the Charter argument. Following the Crown's submission, Crouch's lawyer Laura Veniot told the court that most clients affected by cyberbullying aren't looking to sue for defamation and simply want the online content removed.

Veniot also noted that Parliament only recently passed a law regarding the sharing of private nude photographs, and that women in particular have been dealing with so-called revenge porn, where nude photos are posted by ex-boyfriends.

For the past two years, she said the only province where a victim would have had any recourse is Nova Scotia.

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CRIME

2 men face charges in kidnap, assault

Two Halifax-area men face charges of kidnapping and sexually assaulting a 19-year-old woman, Nova Scotia RCMP said Thursday.

On Monday around 5 a.m., Windsor RCMP responded to a complaint in Three Mile Plains that a 19-year-old woman had been kidnapped and sexually assaulted by two men.

The woman told police the incident happened after a house party in Hants County after two men forced her

into a car.

She was then driven to a "remote location" and sexually assaulted before she was returned to the residence, RCMP said in a news release.

The RCMP Southwest Nova Major Crimes Unit said Sanchez Lemar Clarke of Halifax, 25, was arrested at the residence.

The second man, 24-year-old Kingsley Cornell Downey of North Preston, turned himself into the Windsor RCMP detachment Wednesday. METRO

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Counselling services to launch mood-tracking app for students

WELLTRACK

Canadian-based software hits Dal University this semester

Having worked as a psychologist for nearly two decades, Joanne Mills knows sitting down for that first appointment can be intimidating.

The director of counseling and psychological services at Dalhousie University said this week it's common for students to feel nervous and like they would rather try problem-solving their struggles on their own first, before seeking professional help.

And starting this fall the university will have an app for that.

Called Welltrack, the Canadian-based software was developed out of New Brunswick in conjunction with a psychologist to offer computerized cognitive behavioral therapy.

Basically, it gives users an online platform to track their moods, using email or text reminders for people to rate their moods at various times throughout the day.

"By tracking your moods, you're better able to understand your moods," Mills explained. "Once we understand what precedes moods it helps us to target some treatment that can help."



Joanne Mills says the new platform — developed out of New Brunswick in collaboration with a psychologist — gives users a computerized system to rate and track their emotions at various times throughout the day. She believes it will be effective in improving mental wellbeing. JEFF HARPER/METRO



We know that there are many students out there that may not be ready to come see a psychologist or counsellor.

Joanne Mills, director of counselling and psychological services at Dalhousie University

She said students either have the option of using the program independently or sharing their mood information

with a mental health coach at the clinic or counselling professional.

"It provides the flexibility of

working from home in their apartment at 2 a.m. if they want," Mills said.

The software itself has been used at other universities and replaces one of the centre's older online programs, she added.

Besides acting as a first step for students who are considering counselling, she explained the program builds capacity at the clinic during

its busy times.

While students can be booked for a triage appointment in a timely manner, Mills said a follow-up appointment could take a bit longer.

"We're starting to embrace (the online) part of the counseling process for students," she said, adding professionals are "realizing that's where the students live."

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More services on the way

The new program is only one of the online supplements the clinic is using to round out its services, including a redesigned website featuring other resources, videos, tips and related apps.

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CRIME

Company loses \$100K worth of heavy equipment in theft



Stephanie Taylor
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A Halifax construction company is asking for the public's help after more than \$100,000 worth of heavy equipment and tools were stolen from its property.

Precision Concrete Services Ltd. issued a news release Thursday that explained a dump truck, trailer, Bobcat mini-excavator and other small tools were stolen from the company's lot at 326 Bluewater Road in the Atlantic Acres Industrial Park in Bedford earlier that morning, around 4:03 a.m.

The equipment is valued at more than \$100,000 and a se-



Tools and machinery were taken from a lot at 326 Bluewater Rd. CONTRIBUTED

curity camera caught the entire theft in action, the company said.

The missing truck is described as a red 2005 Ford F-450 with a Precision Concrete logo on the door and a black dump box.

The mini-excavator is said to be a white Bobcat E42.

"If anyone saw a red F-450 Ford hauling a trailer and excavator in the early hours of the morning please contact Halifax Police, 902-490-5016," reads Thursday's release.

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UNCONTAINABLE

Red Bull promo project takes BMX to the next level

With the sun setting over Halifax Harbour and valuable daylight ticking off the clock, Drew Bezanson looked to his best friend for the go-ahead.

Nearly 40 feet above the ground, Jason Leil had done his best to secure a gigantic hanging ramp between two stacks of shipping containers, piled four high, using a crane from his father's company.

"Are we good?" Bezanson asked, as a crew of anxious photographers and videographers waited in the waning day.

In the final minutes of prime sunlight, Leil gave his nod of approval to his longtime friend and BMX star.

Bezanson ascended to the top, standing high above the unforgiving ground as the red, curved ramp swayed in the sporadic winds.

His goal was simple — to leave from one stack of containers, ride the ramp horizontally in front of him and land on the other stack. In a regular competition a little closer to the earth, it would have been an easy wallride to fill time in a run. But this was different. One nervous slip, a moment of hesitation or a gust of wind and Bezanson would be in trouble.

He looked over the edge and began thinking about a worst-case scenario.

"If I come around the ramp and the containers aren't in front of me, I'll just stick my legs straight down and close my eyes," he told himself. "Legs can be pinned and put in place."

Looking down at a small



Drew Bezanson, left, and longtime friend Jason Leil prepare for the finale of Bezanson's new Red Bull project. Suspended 38 feet in the air, Leil positioned a homemade ramp atop two stacks of shipping containers in Dartmouth. SCOTT SERFAS/TRURO DAILY NEWS

crowd of family and friends, he shouted out, "Everybody ready?"

Seconds later, Bezanson launched off the containers, rode the homemade curved ramp completely horizontal to the ground and landed safely on the other side.

After making it back down to ground level, Leil ran forward and threw his arms around him. They'd made history.

On Tuesday morning, Red Bull released the project, titled "Uncontainable," to the public.

"That day was the most stressful day of my life," Leil said, thinking back to the final

“That day was the most stressful day of my life. We worked so hard on tying it down, but I couldn't guarantee it was safe until he did it.”

Jason Leil

day of shooting. "We worked so hard on tying it down, but I couldn't guarantee it was safe until he did it."

Bezanson, of Onslow Mountain, and Leil, of Brookfield, began thinking about the project two years ago. Growing up around shipping containers, they were inspired by an idea

to use them like Lego blocks. Bezanson pitched the idea to his sponsors at Red Bull, who liked it despite not fully understanding the scope of it. In fact, Leil said nobody really understood the scale of the project until it was right there in front of them.

"It really didn't matter

though. For Drew, it just feels like he's 12 feet off the ground. No matter if it's 12 feet or 40, that's how he feels."

With Red Bull and GoPro on board, Bezanson and Leil began crafting the course, along with a team of ramp builders led by Nate Wessel. On his large property in Brookfield, known as the Sanctuary of Fun, Leil laid the groundwork for the first part of the project. He ordered shipping containers, bought locally milled lumber and arranged everything to be transported. It was there they shot the first part of the video, which has been receiving rave

reviews.

"So far it's been unreal," Bezanson said. "Everyone is freaking out at the Red Bull office. We've gotten wicked responses from it and everything is positive."

While the project will be a huge promotional tool for Red Bull, it was a chance at pure freedom for Bezanson. After years riding courses designed by other people, for other people, he finally had the chance to do exactly what he wanted.

"The courses are changing with the sport," he explained. "It's not giving us the chance to showcase just how crazy we can be with a BMX bike and how big we can go."

With Uncontainable, they were able to show the sport to the world in a different light.

"It allows people to see BMX the way (Drew) sees it," Leil said. "To build bigger courses he can really shine on."

Through Bezanson's eyes, the world is one giant park.

"I'll be driving down the road and see a house with a big grass bank and I'll wonder if you can jump off the roof and land on the bank," he laughed. "That's just the way I've always been. I like to look for the biggest setups I can find."

Uncontainable is billed as Bezanson's "quest to find fear," but it's not just about scaring himself and his family. It's about the feeling of success while pushing his limits, both in nerve and skill.

"I've never found (a setup) that was too big, but that one scared me," he said.

"It was like when you were a kid and you went off a new jump. That feeling when you land is all-time. You can't manufacture that feeling. You can't make that up. If I could bottle it and sell it, I'd be the richest man on Earth."

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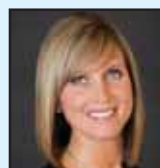
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ELECTION 2015

Grits vow to spend billions as NDP pledge balanced books

Justin Trudeau is out to build some campaign momentum with a big-ticket, multibillion-dollar infrastructure plan — and Stephen Harper is wasting no time in trying to tear him down.

Trudeau's campaign event Thursday in Oakville, Ont., complete with a crane and supporters wearing red hard hats, was framed as a major plank in the Liberal platform — one aimed at both stimulating a faltering economy and shoring up the country's crumbling roads, bridges and public facilities.

He billed it as a necessary investment in future generations, one that would require a Liberal government to run modest, short-term deficits until 2019 in order to kick-start the economy.

That willingness to leave the budget out of balance has separated Trudeau from Harper and, in a surprising role reversal, NDP



Liberal Leader Justin Trudeau introduced his party's infrastructure plan, a key plank in the Liberal platform, in Oakville, Ont., Thursday. PAUL CHIASSON/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Leader Tom Mulcair, who both say they would bring in balanced budgets immediately.

It's all made for a dizzying U-turn on the Canadian political spectrum: the Liberals openly acknowledging a plan to spend billions and run deficits, and the NDP insisting they have found religion when it comes to the



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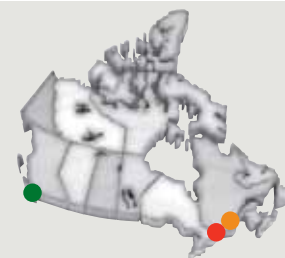
merits of balanced books.

"I will be open and transparent and tell the truth about our plans and I certainly hope Mr. Harper and Mr. Mulcair will begin to be open and transparent about their plans," Trudeau said.

While doubling current federal infrastructure funding, any shortfalls in the federal treasury



WHERE THE LEADERS ARE FRIDAY



● **Justin Trudeau** is to attend an event in Montreal.

● **Tom Mulcair** will also be in Montreal.

● **Elizabeth May** will be in Courtenay, B.C.

Stephen Harper has no public events scheduled.

over the next two years would be capped at \$10 billion per year, he added.

The prospect of a deficit-friendly Liberal government was a sledgehammer Harper needed no invitation to pick up and swing.

"Mr. Trudeau has made tens of billions of dollars of spending promises ... he has no idea what he's talking about when it comes to these things," the Conservative leader said.

"That's why you could be sure that his small deficits will become large deficits and would get Canada into the same pickle of high taxes and program cuts

that we had under the last Liberal government."

The Conservative government's own infrastructure program was three times higher than that of its Liberal predecessor, he added.

Mulcair was campaigning in Toronto with former Saskatchewan finance minister Andrew Thomson.

The New Democrats are touting Thomson's record of balancing his province's budget in 2006 and 2007 after Mulcair said unequivocally this week that an NDP government would balance its first budget.

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POLITICS

Canadians want MP expenses probed

Emails sent to Prime Minister Stephen Harper in June suggested that some Canadians didn't trust politicians to police their own spending and wanted the auditor general to look at their books.

The emails to the Prime Minister's Office in early June offer a window into the reaction of Canadians as details of a troubling Senate expense audit were released.

The report named nine senators whose files were sent to the RCMP for review and 21 others were ordered to repay thousands of dollars in questionable expenses.

"Our auditor general, who is beholdling (sic) only to Canadian taxpayers, must have access to audit all government expenses in order to restore integrity to our federal government and House of Commons," said an email from Nova Scotia.

"The political party who pushes for open and honest government will have the courage to invite the auditor general to inspect the expenses of all members of Parliament."

Another writer sent in a link to a media report about the 30 senators singled out in the audit: "Would it not be nice? Appropriate? Only fair? To see a comparable list for our federal MPs? Including the PM & his cabinet?"

The messages were sent to Harper's office the day before and the day of the release of the Senate audit. They were released under the Access to Information Act. Names and addresses of the writers were redacted.

In the wake of auditor general Michael Ferguson's report, the Conservatives, NDP and Liberals all threw their support behind the idea of giving him access to MP spending.

Some of the emails said this should be an election issue, but it has been overshadowed on the campaign by a focus on the Mike Duffy trial.

Questions about Duffy have dogged Harper through the campaign, much to the chagrin of Conservative faithful. One of those party members wrote to the PMO office in June.

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IN BRIEF

May pleads with Harper, Mulcair to attend debate

Green Party Leader Elizabeth May is pleading with Stephen Harper and Tom Mulcair to reconsider their plans to skip the traditional televised leaders' debate.

The prime minister has said he won't take part in the English election debate organized by a consortium of broadcasters, but he will participate in a French one.

NDP leader Mulcair has made it clear he will not participate in any national debate without Harper.

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Tories looking for vets to sing PM's praises

An email being circulated among former Canadian soldiers suggests federal Conservatives are looking for a few happy, satisfied veterans to appear in television ads backing the prime minister.

The email appears to have been written by Kris Sims, who is on leave from her role as director of communications for Veterans Affairs Minister Erin O'Toole in order to work for the party during the campaign.

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Canadian journalist on trial in Cairo braces for verdict

TERROR CHARGES

Arrested in 2013 while working for Al Jazeera

Mohamed Fahmy hopes this weekend will mark an end to his drawn-out legal nightmare.

A Cairo court is expected — once again — to deliver a verdict Saturday for the Canadian journalist on trial for widely denounced terror charges and Fahmy is cautiously optimistic.

"We feel like this is the finale," he told The Canadian Press. "We have suffered immensely for the past 20 months, financially, emotionally, physically, we just want this nightmare to be over."

Fahmy and two of his colleagues were working for satellite news broadcaster Al Jazeera English when they were arrested at the end of 2013. They were accused by the Egyptian government of supporting a rival political organization and undermining national security through their media coverage.

The trio spent more than a year in prison before an appeal of their convictions resulted in a second trial, although one of them, Australian Peter Grete, was abruptly deported.

Fahmy and his other colleague, Egyptian Baher Mohamed, were granted bail after the start of their retrial, which is set to culminate in a final ruling this weekend.

Fahmy's verdict has already been postponed twice this summer after the judge presiding over his case was reportedly taken ill. This time, however, Fahmy's lawyers and others close to the case have indicated a ruling is highly likely, he said.

There are a number of possible outcomes, including an acquittal, credit for the 14 months Fahmy already spent in prison, a suspended sentence or even a return back to a cell.

If he is sent back behind bars, his high-profile lawyer Amal Clooney, who will be in court with him, will immediately push for a presidential pardon and for Fahmy to leave the country under a law that allows for the deportation of foreigners convicted of crimes, he said.

"My worst nightmare is going back to that prison cell and having to go through this whole tormenting emotional process again," he said.

Since his last court date, at the beginning of August, Fahmy has been busy advocating for the release of other imprisoned journalists and appearing on Egyptian talk shows to discuss his own case.

His efforts come at a time when Egypt has passed new laws that make it more likely for other journalists to end up behind bars. The new rules, which the country's president signed off on earlier this month, define terrorism very broadly as "any act that disturbs public order with force."

Journalists are explicitly banned from reporting news that contradicts official government statements, and people found breaching the sweeping laws can face penalties ranging from hefty fines to lengthy prison sentences.

The new laws already appeared to be taking effect — on Wednesday, there were reports that Egyptian newspapers were prevented from being printed or circulated because they had content critical of the country's president.

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Canadian Al-Jazeera English journalist Mohamed Fahmy surrounded by policemen during his retrial in Cairo, Egypt, in February. Fahmy hopes this weekend will mark an end to his drawn-out legal nightmare. AMR NABIL/THE CANADIAN PRESS/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

LETTER BOMB

Man waits for bail decision

A man accused of sending a letter bomb that severely injured a Winnipeg lawyer will have to wait a little longer to hear if he will be released on bail.

A day-long hearing Thursday was not long enough to hear all the arguments in Guido Amsel's case. It is scheduled to resume Sept. 2.

Lawyer Maria Mitousis lost a hand and suffered other serious injuries in the July 3 blast.

Amsel is facing more than a dozen criminal charges in the explosion, as well as charges related to other explosive devices disposed of by police at two other Winnipeg law firms.

The charges include three counts of attempted murder.

Amsel wore a dark suit and sat passively during the bail hearing. Details are covered by a publication ban.

His current wife wept and was comforted by supporters in the front row as Amsel was brought into the courtroom. She shook her head periodically as the details of the Crown's case were discussed.

The Crown said it would oppose Amsel's release. The 49-year-old has been in custody since July 5.

Martin Glazer, Amsel's lawyer, has said previously that his client denies all the accusations against him and that the case is based on "circumstantial evidence that has an innocent explanation."

Police allege Amsel was targeting his former wife and the lawyers who were involved in a lengthy legal dispute between the couple.

Mitousis underwent 12 hours of surgery for injuries to her upper body and thighs. She is no longer in hospital but faces a long recovery. She has said she plans to return to work.

Another bomb was sent to an auto repair shop where Amsel's ex-wife works. A third went to a law firm Amsel had hired in a legal battle with his former wife over money from a business the couple owned. Court documents detail a bitter divorce between Amsel and his ex-wife, Iris.

Records show Amsel appeared to drop his legal battle earlier this year. He withdrew accusations that his former wife had stolen money from the company and agreed, after years of denial, that he owed her \$40,000.

Amsel agreed to auction off vehicles and equipment to pay her. The auction was scheduled for eight days after the first letter bomb exploded, but was postponed.

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SPINLISTER

Bike rental website making inroads

Years after Bixi and its competitors set up shop in Canada, another bike-sharing system that some describe as the AirBnB of cycling is making inroads in the country.

Spinlister allows people to list their unused bicycles and search for available ones in a specific area.

The bikes can be rented by the hour, day or week through a website or app, and users can search by type, frame size and rider height.

The California-based company launched in 2012 and branched

out to other countries, including Canada, the following year — but a spokesman says the number and type of bikes available in any given location depend entirely on the users.

A few dozen bikes, from sturdy cargo bikes to sleek racing models, are listed in Toronto and Vancouver and spokesman Andrew Batey says demand for bicycles outstrips the supply.

He says 70 per cent of people who rent through the site do it while travelling, while others book bikes for charity events or to test drive expensive models be-

fore investing in one of their own.

And many of those who rent out their bikes are cycling enthusiasts with more than one in their arsenal. Each bicycle is insured for \$10,000 and those who list theirs aren't liable if a renter is injured. No bicycle has ever been stolen by a renter, Batey said, largely because renters have to enter a credit card and go through other verification procedures.

"It's so much easier to walk down the street and find the bike I want and steal it than it is to try and go through this whole hassle," he said.

Bikes in Toronto go for \$15 to \$100 a day, depending on the model, and the company takes a 17.5 per cent cut of the rental fee.

Meg Siegel, 28, signed up early on as a way to make extra cash from her spare bikes.

"It's so hard to find a decent bike when you go to a different city, you always end up with the tourist clunker bikes, so I wanted to put a decent bike up for people to rent while they're visiting here so that I could also do the same thing when I go to other cities," the Toronto resident said.

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QUEBEC

Officials investigate as legionnaires' disease claims two lives

The provincial Health Department is investigating an outbreak of legionnaires' disease that has claimed two lives. There have been 16 other confirmed cases since Aug. 20., all in the town of Berthierville, about 80 kilometres northeast of Montreal. Legionnaires' disease is contracted by breathing in small droplets of water contaminated with bacteria.

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U.S. President Barack Obama greets residents in the Tremé neighbourhood in New Orleans Thursday marking the 10th anniversary of Hurricane Katrina. ANDREW HARNIK/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

SPECIAL FEATURE

New Orleans's recovery forced the Crescent City open to the visions, dreams and agendas of outsiders, and now some fear too much has been given away. Metro's **Rosemary Westwood** reports.

Battle for the new Big Easy

This is the final instalment of a three-part series on New Orleans's ongoing struggles ahead of the 10th anniversary of Hurricane Katrina.

U.S. President Barack Obama had words of praise for the city of New Orleans, as he stood in the city's Lower Ninth ward to mark the 10-year anniversary of Hurricane Katrina.

New Orleanians are an example of good people coming together in the face of tragedy and hardship "to build a better future," he said.

But whether what's being built is a better future depends on who you ask. For some locals, it's not even a matter of what has been built, but of what stands to be lost.

And, maybe, what is lost

already.

While New Orleans mayor Mitch Landrieu calls it "America's comeback city," while tech startups are on the rise, while the tourism industry is posting record receipts, and amid a film-industry boom dubbed "Hollywood South" — some worry the new New Orleans is at risk of losing its old identity.

It's what happens when a city of neighbours sees an influx of newcomers.

"Different kinds of people are here, and they're dropping in at the moment when the city is, I think, trying to be something else," Stephanie McKee tells me.

A native New Orleanian, raised near the racetracks of the Seventh Ward, she says the people have made this city

what it is: renowned for its friendliness, its food, its music and rhythm and masked mardi gras parades.

"Change has happened in New Orleans for many years," she says. "However, one thing has always remained in New Orleans, and that has been a very clear sense of Africanist culture."

McKee herself is artistic director of Junebug Productions, the successor to the Free Southern Theatre, a renowned civil rights art group.

"I worry about it being lost in the midst of commercialization, and being lost in the midst of what is inevitably more development to happen here."

Post-Katrina, the city has 100,000 fewer black residents

"Different kinds of people are here, and they're dropping in at the moment when the city is trying to be something else."

STEPHANIE MCKEE, NEW ORLEANS NATIVE

than before the storm. Economic recovery for black New Orleanians has dragged dramatically behind that of whites in this city (half its black men are unemployed).

So as some neighbourhoods become more expensive, they're also getting whiter, including Gordon Russell's Uptown neighbourhood.

"One of the things that has changed about New Orleans more than anything is there's more people now who aren't from here than there ever used to be," says Russell, investigations editor at the Advocate newspaper and a resident for 16 years.

"There's a ton of new blood in town, and that's kind of

psychologically interesting for the city."

Among the people I talked to, there's a perception that, in the past, newcomers had been lured by the culture and absorbed into it, into the city's sense of sleepy mystery, its rich cultural class of writers, musicians, dancers, actors, artists. A city where you know everyone on your block and their dog, where people look out for one another. A city where multiple generations live on the same street they grew up. Where, Russell says, people tended not to leave the city, and not a ton of people tended to move in. A city where everyone asks when they meet you, "Where'd you go to school?"

"That's a very subtle way or not-so-subtle way of saying,



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"Are you from here or not?" notes Laura Paul, a Canadian living in New Orleans since 2006. There's a divide between people who've lived here for decades, those who arrived just after the storm, and those that arrived in the last few years, she says.

This may be one of the friendliest cities you'll ever find, but locals demand your respect.

"The reason for that is this is a culture worth protecting and a culture worth preserving," Paul says.

Which is to say, resisting gentrification.

In the Bywater, a neighbourhood just east of the French Quarter, Pamela Davis-Noland has watched her neighbours pushed out by soaring rents and a hot housing market in the last four years, some who'd lived on the same block for generations. It breaks her heart, she says. She points to a house down the street, where new owners remodelled and turned their house into "yuppieville."

"Things changed, so quickly, right before my eyes, on this street alone," she says. "Everything just skyrocketed like crazy."

Walking the streets of the Bywater, it's no surprise the area is in demand. Historic, architecturally charming houses painted a kaleidoscope of colours are guarded by thick swamp foliage and palm trees.

"I'm a lover of New Orleans, but to classify myself a New Orleanian, I think that's for the people born at Charity Hospital. I'm not going to take that title."

PAMELA DAVIS-NOLAND, NEW ORLEANS RESIDENT SINCE 2011

They feature high ceilings and old wooden floors, and sit on quiet streets.

According to a promotional video by the city's tourism agency, Bywater, once dominated by blue-collar workers and artists, is witnessing a "restaurant revolution." But to two local filmmakers, the city is out to lunch.

Jason Foster and David Bear shot a parody video that mocks the Bywater as an "up-and-coming white neighbourhood" that's "packed with plenty of price gouging to keep you broke all day long." Crescent Park, it notes, is a great spot for "watching the New Yorkers native to the neighbourhood."

The video was widely shared, and struck a nerve.

The same thing happened when local residents, noting a surge in Airbnb rentals in Bywater (they counted 140), put up a mock sign advertising the chance to "live like a

local" for \$250 a night. "Who need neighbours when you've got brunch?" it joked.

Davis-Noland has lived here since 2011, running a local bed-and-breakfast. She says tourism isn't bad but she wonders what exactly visitors to the Bywater are seeing? It's less and less the authentic community that she has loved, and she fears what the next four years will bring.

To some New Orleanians, tourists and newcomers carry the same risk, as agents of change that threaten to commodify the city's culture and tip the scales in favour of those who consume it, at the expense of those who create it.

But not everyone holds that worry. Cordell Ford, a native raised in the C.J. Peete projects, has been living in his home just north of the Bywater since 1993. He's seen his block change from a dirt road to a paved one, and neighbours come and go. As for the wor-

ries over newcomers? "Enough is enough," he tells me, taking a pause from trying to fix his pressure washer in his backyard. "This is America."

People are free to move in, he says, and he doesn't care about skin colour or where you were born — he cares if you're a good neighbour, if you keep your garbage bins at the back of the house and your car in the driveway to keep the road clear. And he expects that the people who move in will adopt the local ways.

"People move here because they like the hospitality, it's different than anywhere else you go," he says. "As time goes on they'll become like a New Orleanian — you know, laid back and everybody helping out."

Like a New Orleanian, if not exactly a true one. That is title that most agree belongs to those bred, if not born here.

Davis-Noland is "a resident of New Orleans, I'm a lover of New Orleans, and I'm never leaving New Orleans," she says emphatically. "But to classify myself a New Orleanian, I think that's for the people born at Charity Hospital. I'm not going to take that title, out of respect."

That's the way all the transplants I've met feel, but McKee told me I was self-selecting "great folk."

"I would say that that's rare, I would say that's becoming more rare," McKee told me. She's watched people imitate Baby Dolls, apparently without

regard for the fact that those masked mardi gras groups in silky, feminine costumes have their roots in segregation, and the city's black sex-trade workers.

When people complain about the noise from second lines — smaller brass-band parades that march year-round across the city — that's a problem, she says. And anyone planning on setting up a restaurant here should know that New Orleanians are "extremely funny" about their food.

"We know good food, and we know food that's been made with love," she says. And if you mess up, "they will call you out on it."

For the New Orleanians born here or raised here, and who have not been able to stay, the sense of loss is deep, she says.

"It's not just people who want to get together and make life difficult for other folks, but that is a difficult place for people to be in. And certainly there has to be a happy medium somewhere in between."

Outside Frady's, a Bywater food shop and po-boy purveyor, a couple of locals drink coke and shoot the breeze. "Aren't you going to see Obama?" one jokes, mentioning the president's trip to the city. The others laugh.

"They're playing Katrina on the news 24/7," another says, disgust in his voice, "and I'm sick of it."

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Katrina by the numbers

Aug. 29, 2015: Date Hurricane Katrina made landfall

5: Category Storm

50: waters breached at least this point in the levee system, primarily due to poor design

1,577: People killed in Louisiana

\$151 billion: total cost of devastation in 2014 dollars

254,502: number of people who had not returned to New Orleans one year after Katrina — more than half of the city's population

57 percent: Percentage of black New Orleanians who say their life was affected "a great deal" by the hurricane

40 per cent: Percentage of the city's white population who say the same

33 per cent: Amount rents rose across the city, post-Katrina

37 per cent: Percentage of people in New Orleans who spend 50 per cent of their income on rent

23 per cent: Percentage of people in Vancouver who spend 50 per cent of their income on rent

IN BRIEF

China detains 11 over warehouse explosion

Chinese prosecutors have detained 11 government officials and company executives over a massive warehouse explosion on Aug. 12 that killed at least 145 people in the country's worst industrial disaster in recent years.

All the government officials are accused of dereliction of duty and abusing their positions, the notice said.

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Aldrin pushes Mars colony

Buzz Aldrin is teaming up with Florida Institute of Technology to develop "a master plan" for colonizing Mars within 25 years.

The second man to walk on the moon took part in a signing ceremony Thursday at the university, which is located in Melbourne, less than an hour's drive from NASA's Kennedy Space Center.

Aldrin is pushing for a Mars settlement by approximately 2040.

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Polar bear cub died of human disease

Scientists in Germany say they have finally figured out what killed Knut, the polar bear who was a worldwide celebrity.

Knut drowned four years ago after swelling of his brain caused him to collapse and fall into his enclosure's pool at Berlin Zoo.

In an article published Thursday by the journal *Nature Scientific Reports*, researchers say Knut suffered from anti-NMDA receptor encephalitis, an autoimmune disease discovered in humans eight years ago and never previously found in animals.

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A television photographer films video of a memorial for reporter Alison Parker and cameraman Adam Ward, as well as get-well wishes for wounded Vicki Gardner, Thursday. STEVE HELBER/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

TV station mourns

ROANOKE, VIRGINIA

Murdered staff remembered in morning broadcast

The colleagues of two journalists shot to death on live television returned to their morning show Thursday with memories, tears and a determination to carry on.

WDBJ-TV's *Mornin'* show opened with images of reporter Alison Parker and cameraman Adam Ward, with the words "In Memory."

"We come to you with heavy hearts. Two of our own were shot during a live shot yesterday morning," said Kim McBroom, the anchor whose open-mouthed shock was seen around the world

Wednesday after Ward's camera recorded the fatal attack by a disgruntled former colleague.

Perhaps the most poignant segment came when McBroom, weatherman Leo Hirsbrunner and an anchor from a sister station who came to help out joined hands for a moment of silence at 6:45 a.m., 24 hours after the shots rang out.

"We are approaching a moment that none of us will ever forget," McBroom said, her voice faltering as the show went silent.

On-camera, the team mostly kept its composure throughout the broadcast. Off-camera, their struggle was more visible. Hirsbrunner dabbed his eyes, tried to wave away tears and bent down at one point, hands on his knees, to gather himself during a commercial.

"It's not easy," McBroom said

"I don't know how to do the weather on a day like this."

Leo Hirsbrunner

during another break, after her voice broke while reading a statement from Parker's family.

Members of the team supported each other throughout.

"I don't know how to do the weather on a day like this," Hirsbrunner said.

"Good job, partner," McBroom told him. "We're going to get through this together."

The husband of Vicki Gardner, who was wounded by the gunman as Parker and Ward interviewed her for a tourism story, showed up to tell viewers that

she was recovering.

And Parker's boyfriend, WDBJ anchor Chris Hurst, appeared for a short interview.

"Alison, what great things she could have done," Hurst said, telling viewers he needs some time away from his night-time anchor role.

"You won't be seeing me in my normal position for, who really knows how long. But hopefully not too long because Alison would want me back," he said.

Ward's family members said they weren't ready to discuss the tragedy publicly, but his colleagues warmly remembered the cameraman. Hirsbrunner shared anecdotes about Ward's practical jokes, including covertly placing candy wrappers on the desk that the weatherman saw while delivering his segments.

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ENDANGERED SPECIES

African penguins nearing the brink

They're cute, knee-high, they bray like donkeys and are a tourist attraction near Cape Town. But African Penguins — the continent's only species of the flightless bird — are at risk of extinction.

As shoals of anchovies and sardines have migrated south into cooler waters, the population of African Penguins that feeds on the fish has plummeted by 90 per cent since 2004 along South Africa's west coast, once the stronghold of Africa's only penguin species.

This decline, recorded by South Africa's Department of Environmental Affairs, led to four key fishing grounds being declared off limits seven years ago in an experiment to see if the measure could help save the penguins. But scientists are still debating whether fishing has helped push the species to the brink of extinction.

If effective management of the situation is not carried out, the black-and-white seabirds could soon disappear, experts say.

In the 1930s, South Africa's largest penguin colony had 1 million African Penguins, and there were many other colonies. Now, only 100,000 of the birds remain in all of South Africa and neighbouring Namibia, the only two countries where the species exists. In 2010, the International Union for Conservation of Nature declared the African Penguin endangered.

Both fisheries scientists and bird specialists agree that the decline of the African Penguin began around 2004 with a southern shift in anchovies and sardines away from the hub of colonies along South Africa's Atlantic coast. Scientists are unsure why the fish have moved, considering as possible causes climate change, overfishing or natural fluctuations.

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SOUTH AFRICA

Date set for review of Pistorius parole

Oscar Pistorius' parole board review will take place Sept. 18, meaning the Olympic athlete will have to spend at least another three weeks in jail.

The double-amputee runner was denied early release last week after serving 10 months of his five-year manslaughter sentence for killing girlfriend Reeva Steenkamp in 2013. The justice department said then that the decision to release Pistorius to house arrest was taken too early.

The review will take place a

day after the deadline for Pistorius' lawyers to submit papers to the Supreme Court. Those papers will be in response to a separate appeal by prosecutors seeking a murder conviction. Prosecutors want a panel of judges to overturn Pistorius' culpable homicide, or unintentional killing, conviction and find him guilty of the more serious charge of murder.

That Supreme Court appeal will be heard in November.

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IN BRIEF

Utah man dies of plague

A man in his 70s has died after contracting the plague, bringing to four the number of deaths from the disease reported in the U.S. this year, health officials said Thursday.

Plague is a rare disease that is carried by rodents and spread by fleas. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention says 11 other cases have been reported in six states since April 1.

The other three people who died were ages 16, 52 and 79. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

DISEASE

MERS spreading in Saudi capital

Saudi Arabia's Health Ministry says 15 more people have died after contracting the Middle East respiratory syndrome, known as MERS, in the last seven days amid a surge in contractions in the capital, Riyadh.

The Health Ministry's most recent figures on Thursday show that 498 people have died in Saudi Arabia after contracting the virus since it was first identified in 2012, compared to 483 a week ago.

The kingdom also registered 47 new cases in the past seven days, all but two in Riyadh. That brings the total number nationwide to 1,165, with 64 receiving treatment and 603 fully recovered.

The MERS virus belongs to the family of viruses known as coronaviruses. MERS can cause symptoms such as fever, breathing problems, pneumonia and kidney failure.

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Samsung stays at the 'head of the class'

TECHNOLOGY

Competition still stiff from other Android devices

Samsung's new smartphones and tablets might not offer enough to entice current iPhone and iPad users to switch, but they keep Samsung at the head of the class

among Android gadget makers.

The new Galaxy devices come weeks before comparable updates from Apple are expected. In a sense, if Samsung can't beat the competition in sales, it can at least beat it to store shelves.

Samsung has been facing competition not just from Apple but also from Android manufacturers such as Motorola and Xiaomi, which offer good-enough features while keeping prices low. The Galaxy S6 Edge Plus and Note 5

phones arrived last week, while the Galaxy Tab S2 tablets come out next Thursday.

Of the two, the Edge Plus is likely to appeal to more people. The screen's left and right edges are curved like a waterfall and blend into the phone's aluminum casing. You get a better grip and a more immersive viewing experience, even from an angle.

Compared with the original Tab S, the Tab S2 update sheds bulk and weight, akin to what

Apple has done with the full-size iPad Air and Air 2.

Samsung is ahead with multitasking features that let you view multiple apps side by side, though similar features are coming to the iPad soon with the iOS 9 software update.

I don't see Apple users switching. But just as an iPad can be a good companion for iPhone users, a Samsung tablet is great for Samsung phone owners.

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New Galaxy smartphones will arrive weeks ahead of Apple's latest hardware updates. MARY ALTAFFER/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

SOCIAL MEDIA

Instagram adds new photo, video options



Irene Kuan
Metro | Toronto

Your Instagram pics didn't always have to be square, but the app has updated to support landscape and portrait formats now.

Instagram is letting users think outside the square, announcing it was introducing two new photo orientations to its popular photo app.

The photo sharing app, which is owned by social media giant Facebook, is upgrading to support landscape and portrait

format photos.

In a blog post, Instagram said it discovered one in five photos or videos users posted to their network was not a square, and wanted to make it easier for people to share content in alternative formats.

With the new features, a user can easily tap the format icon to change the orientation, but the square format will remain default. Once shared, the full-size photo will be shared to followers as a centre-cropped square.

In addition to the new photo formats, Instagram will also add a filter option to videos.



Here are some examples of what users can expect. INSTAGRAM

IN BRIEF

Discovery launches new virtual reality network

Discovery is releasing videos for its virtual reality network, Discovery VR, testing the limits and capabilities of the immersive format. The videos debuting Thursday on DiscoveryVR.com, YouTube and on Android and iPhone apps, reveal some of the promise of the medium, which covers every angle you could possibly look.

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Making Cancon rules look limp: Kenyan pop stars lobby for radio to play 70 per cent local music, in part to preserve benga, a unique blend of East African sounds with guitar.

THE BIG THING: TRUTH UNDER FIRE

When two journalists were shot live on-air in Virginia this week, it was an awful, freakish and mercifully rare event for the U.S. Around the world, however, dozens of journalists are killed just for doing what they do. When they expose the truth, they often expose themselves to the wrong kind of attention — a reporter burned to death in India after exposing illegal mining, a radio announcer shot in the Democratic Republic of the Congo for covering a divisive bureaucratic appointment, the Charlie Hebdo massacre in France and executions by firing squad at the hands of the Islamic State group. And that's not counting the dangers of bringing the news from volatile places. These are the recorded targeted killings of journalists thus far in 2015. Some certainly have gone unreported, and still more are in dispute.



SOURCES: REPORTERS WITHOUT BORDERS, INTERNATIONAL PRESS INSTITUTE, COMMITTEE TO PROTECT JOURNALISTS

THE KOHLER REPORT: ON ODDLY TEARFUL GOODBYES



While I respect Celine, I'd respect myself a lot less if I listened to her music. Why, then, my sudden connection to her grandfather — I mean husband?

When I was a teenager I was grossed out by many things: sun-dried tomatoes, pointy-toed shoes and the marriage of Celine Dion and René Angélil. I still dislike the tomatoes and the shoes, but why was I crying the other day while reading about the fact that René will soon die from his second bout of throat cancer?

The tears took me off guard, and I found myself embarrassed even though I was alone (which I didn't know was possible). I'd tell you it was PMS, but I don't like perpetuating stereotypes. I think I'll just have to admit I was sad. What's going on with me?

To put this mystery in con-

text, you should know that I am not a Celine Dion fan. While I respect Celine and her talents, I'd respect myself a lot less if I listened to her music. Yes, she has an amazing voice, and that's fine, but it's not my thing. Why, then, my sudden emotional connection to her and her grandfather — I mean husband?

I think everyone was cynical about the manager-turned-fiancé who was 38 when he first met a 12-year-old Celine — they were like the Québécois Woody and Soon Yi only with less neurosis and more dental work and tourtière.

What's funny about this cynicism is that it seems the

couple had, and still has, none. Have you watched Celine Dion? She's the opposite of cynical. She has so much hope and enthusiasm that if she visited Banksy's Dismaland, it would turn into Disneyland.

Anyone who's the 14th child born into a poor Québécois family had better be positive; you don't get from there to where Celine is now by ruminating on negative thoughts like "What's the point?" and "Should we have a defibrillator at the wedding?"

Celine wanted to be famous, she wanted to marry René and she wanted kids — and all of those things came with challenges she'd overcome with a

quick fist-bump to her heart. Though her music makes me feel like my ears have eaten too much Velveeta, her attitude makes me feel like everything's going to be OK.

In a world where celebrity relationships — the Brad-and-Jens, the Jen-and-Bens, the Gavin-and-Gwens — come with nanny scandals and conscious uncoupling, here's a pair who represent a slightly weird-looking version of true love. Like the nerdy couple in high school who were having more sex than everyone.

Celine recently said René's wish is to "die in her arms." That's what made me cry. René and Celine, after these odd, unlikely years together, are being torn apart — along with the pieces of my heart!

I'm not wearing a hat — I never have and never would wear a hat — but if I were, I'd tip it to them.

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Being morbidly curious about a death is only human



Liz Beddall
Metro | Toronto

A few weeks ago, I joined a discussion about the sudden and still unexplained passing of TV host Chris Hyndman.

The talk was intense in topic but casual in tone. We tossed around the presented facts as if they were fiction. "Didn't you meet him at one point?" asked one of my friends. I had in fact spent an entire day interviewing him a few years prior. Chris bestowed heaps of warmth upon this awkward, poorly dressed young journalist. Guilt drew my voice away from the conversation, but not my mind.

My shame-soaked queries came to life on the Internet. Each article on the death bobbed above a turbulent sea of reader commentary.

Comment: "Anybody heard about the circumstances ... Did he jump or what?"

Response: "Did you ever think that maybe Steven and the family want to keep their personal lives private? The public is not entitled to know everything."

The back-and-forth continued similarly, and produced yet more backlash. A question was asked, the questioner was shot down, the shooter was shot down, and so forth.

In Hyndman's case, as with every loss of a life, a study of death ensues. Worried that lumbering into dark territory will spoil our eventual experience of grief, or someone else's. We might shake our

heads as view-numbers rise on a morbid video, but linger a little too long at the site of an accident. We'll ask ourselves and each other if anything was done too soon, too much, too loud or too little. None of the answers are obvious, but the questions are limitless, and we all have them.

In high school my best group of girlfriends experienced the tragedy of one of our own committing suicide. Looking back now, I feel much less hostile toward the complete strangers who showed up at the funeral, less bitter toward the countless individuals who have asked me, over the years, about how she put an end to her life before asking me about her life, and lastly, less angry at myself. I forgive myself for not thinking of her every day since, and for now using her to fill a paragraph of this column. These were, and are, all decisions made while fumbling around looking for the right way to handle the one thing none of us who are living know anything about.

The departure of August will pull with it the deaths of Chris Hyndman and countless others into the past. And while grief, loss and closure will attach themselves differently to those left behind, uncertainty will reign universal.

So should we be so quick to denounce the morbidly curious? Those who seek out, and secretly long to seek out, the whys and the hows? Because what if the inclination to better understand the end of life renders many of us not less human, but a little bit more?

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Searching for soul in the club

HEARTTHROB

Efron wants roles that play to more than just his looks

IN FOCUS

Richard Crouse



Zac Efron became a teen heartthrob with the success of the High School Musical movies and then did everything possible to decimate and alienate the core audience that made him a star.

He rightly realized that the shelf life of a young Disney star was limited and turned his attention to making serious but little seen films like Parkland, At Any Price and The Paperboy, an art house film better known for a scene utilizing an age-old cure for a jellyfish sting you don't normally see administered by an Oscar winner like Nicole Kidman.

His latest movie, We Are Your Friends, the first major-studio film set in the world of electronic dance music, is a mix of music and romance that sees Efron play an aspiring DJ who falls in love with his mentor's girlfriend.

It's a role that should appeal to his original fanbase, the kids who have aged out of High School Musical and now listen to EDM, where his other screen choices seem to have left them behind. Occasionally he's thrown them a bone, with popcorn movies like New Year's Eve,



Zac Efron plays an EDM DJ seeking stardom in We Are Your Friends. HANDOUT

or Neighbors, where he plays the prerequisite 20-something good-looking Hollywood hunk.

Take That Awkward Moment for instance. He played an avowed hook-up artist, a young guy who would rather hang out with his best friends Daniel (Miles Teller) and Mikey (Michael B. Jordan) than have a meaningful relationship with a girl. In time-honoured rom-com fashion, it's a movie that takes advantage of its leading man's blue eyes and sculpted

abs. Efron's hair is practically a character in the film.

Perhaps while making The Lucky One, a Nicolas Sparks romance co-starring Taylor Schilling, it occurred to him that simply watching good-looking people fall in love does not a movie make.

I couldn't help but think that Efron, when he says to Schilling's character Beth, "I know you deserve better than this," was actually speaking to the audience.

MOVIE RATINGS by Richard Crouse

We Are Your Friends ★★★★★
Learning to Drive ★★★
The End of the Tour ★★★★★
Cop Car ★★★
Backcountry ★★★
Z for Zachariah ★★★

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 ★★★★★ SEE IT
 ★★★ WORTHWHILE
 ★★ UP TO YOU
 ★ SKIP IT

Luckily his other films are less about his looks and more about his ability. The Paperboy is an odd film. It's an art house

thriller — meaning that there aren't many thrills — in which each of its stars do some fairly intense envelope pushing in a

story about a reporter returning to his native Florida to investigate a murder.

Paired with risk-taking actors like Nicole Kidman, David Oyelowo, John Cusack and Matthew McConaughey, Efron works hard to shake off the early teen idol gloss that made him famous. He mostly succeeds, although director Lee Daniels's camera still caresses the actor, taking full advantage of his effortless appeal.

In Me and Orson Welles, Efron is overshadowed by an actor playing a man who died many years before the core audience of this movie was even born. Christian McKay plays Orson Welles with such panache that Efron becomes a supporting player in his own movie but still makes a strong impression as a teenager with dreams of being on stage in this handsomely mounted period piece.

Other films like At Any Price, a 2012 powerful tale of fathers and sons and the pressure to succeed, have shown not only his depth but his willingness to stretch as an actor.

So why does Efron, who could have a movie franchise career in a heartbeat, look past the obvious career path?

Efron told the Hollywood Reporter that his often eclectic acting choices are always artistic in nature and never about money.

"I'm constantly searching for characters that are about betterment of self and betterment of others," he says. "And I'm searching for those parts because those are the ones that make me happy. They're the ones that fulfil me personally."



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How to ask the loaded questions

INTERVIEW

Jesse Eisenberg on playing the journalist who profiled David Foster Wallace

Matt Prigge
Metro in New York City

Jesse Eisenberg tends to play characters who are shy (Roger Dodger, *Adventureland*) or passive-aggressive (*The Squid and the Whale*, *The Social Network*). In real life he's definitely the former. During some of our interview, the actor curls up on the couch, his head resting on the arm, quietly but assuredly discussing his role in *The End of the Tour*.

That film reverses what we're experiencing. Based on David Lipsky's *Although of Course You End Up Becoming Yourself*, it recreates a few days the author-journalist spent with the late David Foster Wallace after the release of his doorstop of a masterpiece, *Infinite Jest*.

Eisenberg plays Lipsky to Jason Segel's Wallace, playing both confidant and aggressor — a standard relationship during interviews.

This is drawn from Lipsky's transcripts, so you're saying things that were really said. But structurally the scenes capture the feel of real, long con-



Jesse Eisenberg plays a journalist whose style is both confidant and aggressor — a standard relationship during interviews. HANDOUT

versations, with asides and digressions. How did you achieve that looseness?

There was very little planned. We didn't have rehearsal, and I didn't personally think of anything as a climactic moment. Nothing felt explicit in the script. That's good for actors. You don't feel necessarily beholden to a structure. You treat it as it comes to you.

Having no rehearsal means the dialogue could potentially sound fresh —

like you're saying the lines for the first time.

That's how I did it. I really like doing that. With this movie I didn't like saying the lines until we were filming, because my character's not as verbose as the other character.

I didn't feel the need to rehearse my dialogue. It was more emotionally potent to not do anything until the camera was rolling.

You don't have that luxury in movies, really, be-



You obviously have an allegiance to some kind of self-protection.

Jesse Eisenberg, on being interviewed

cause you have to rehearse in order to set technical things up. But with this we did have that. It was just the nature of the shoot be-

ing quiet and a director who was pretty comfortable allowing us to be more flexible.

One of the main ideas in the film is meeting someone one admires and finding them to be pretty normal.

Normal, or maybe even more specifically not happy with the achievements you think you'd be happy with. I think, if I could just achieve the success he has I would be happy. And I see

he's still unfulfilled. Not only is he unfulfilled but he seems almost terrified.

Wallace has a line where he says he wishes he could shape the impression your character has. Do you feel a certain anxiety in how other people will present you?

Yes, of course. It's unnerving. The best thing to do is not try to micromanage something that's unmanageable, which is how you are perceived by strangers.

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ROTTEN TOMATOES™ SCORE

Critics: NOT YET REVIEWED **Audience:** +79%



SCI-FI

Z for Zachariah

Director: Craig Zobel
Starring: Margot Robbie, Chiwetel Ejiofor, Chris Pine

A young woman survives nuclear war, fearing she may actually be the proverbial last woman on Earth.

ROTTEN TOMATOES™ SCORE

Critics: 86% **Audience:** +94%



ACTION & ADVENTURE

Turbo Kid

Director: Anouk Whissell, François Simard, Yoann-Karl Whissell
Starring: Munro Chambers, Laurence Leboeuf

A retro-futuristic tribute to '80s action-adventure films.

ROTTEN TOMATOES™ SCORE

Critics: 94% **Audience:** +87%



Laurence Leboeuf plays Apple in the film *Turbo Kid*. HANDOUT

Turbo Kid a rowdy 1980s throwback

SCI-FI

Canadian film described as a BMX tribute to Mad Max

Steve Gow
For Metro

From BMX bikes to murderous road warriors to the retro-soundtrack layered in synthesizers, *Turbo Kid* is a love letter to the kitschiest elements of 1980s cinema.

Indeed, perhaps the only emblem of '80s sci-fi missing from the cult hit is *E.T. the Extra-Terrestrial*.

"It's literally the hardest film to describe because there's so much going on, but it is an homage to '80s films," explained star Munro Chambers of the Canadian festival hit that *Variety* called a "BMX-riding Mad Max tribute."

"I always try to describe it as a charming romantic-comedy in a post-apocalyptic world painted with blood."

Directed by Montreal trio Anouk Whissell, Yoann-Karl Whissell and François Simard, the cinematic shrine to quirky pop-culture is set in a "futuristic" 1997 where an orphaned BMX-rider (Chambers of TV's *Degrassi* fame) enlists a buoyant optimist (Laurence Leboeuf) to help him overthrow an evil eye-patched emperor

(played by iconic '80s villain Michael Ironside).

"We came pretty fresh into this," said Leboeuf, who admits much of the imagery of the decade was not part of her upbringing.

"Even today, we have people telling us references that we haven't noticed yet in the movie."

"We knew it was an '80s homage, but the filmmakers let us create our own characters," added Chambers.

"We just wanted to make sure we weren't mocking anybody or anything that came before us (and) to create these unique characters was the way to do that."

The film has impressed en-

thusiasts by crafting a pair of compelling protagonists against bizarre imagery that does not shy away from the extreme — notably including the artistic use of a stationary bike to pull out a victim's entrails. But if the cast gets their way, the movie's greatest triumph will be the redemption of the lost cinematic era it aims to celebrate.

"They were just a lot of fun," said Chambers of '80s cult movies.

"That's what this film is — trying to be fun and to not take itself too seriously but also (have) grounded moments. It's just something you can watch with your buddies and have a good cheer."

CHAMBERS ON MAKING TURBO KID

Three minds are better than one

"They really are a three-headed dragon," said Munro Chambers of the film's three filmmakers.

"They really just have the same mind (and) they all have their own separate specialty. I don't know if it would work on any other film, but on this film it was really nice."

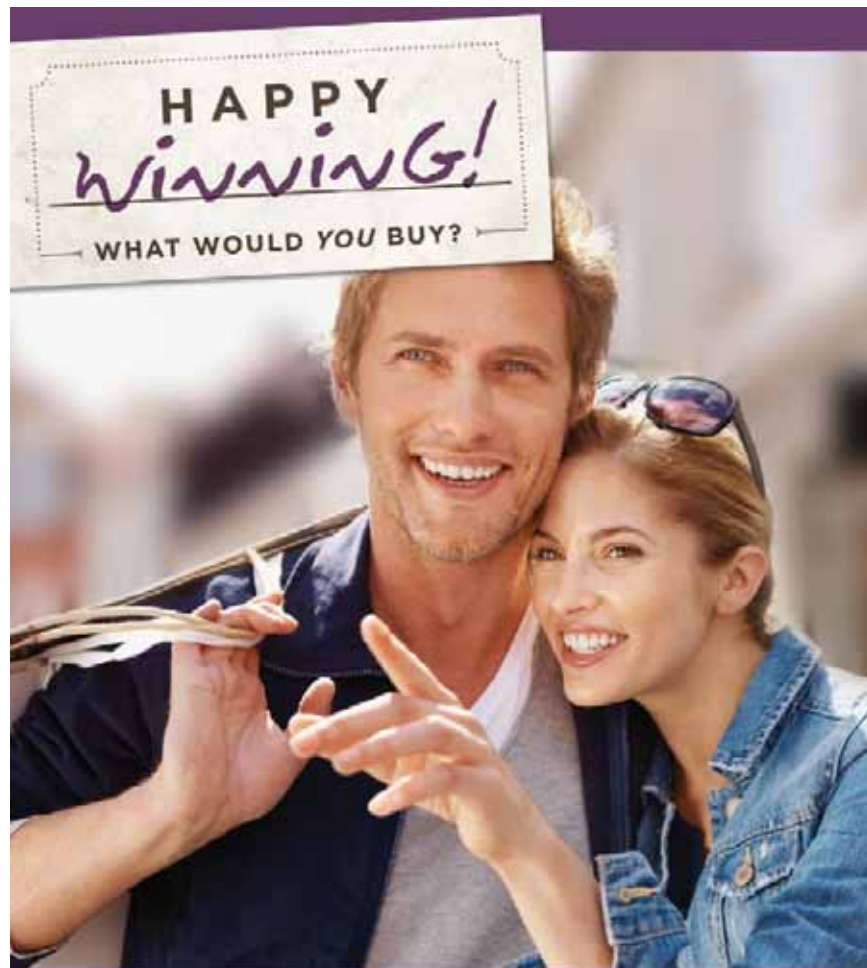
The turbo success of a fun, fantastical film

"During filming we knew we were making something unique and very fun," said Chambers of the award-

winning thriller.

"But I don't think anyone could've guessed what's happening now. It's literally the little film that could."

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SOUND CHECK

Alan Cross



I've never been party to this whole nonsense of declaring a "song of summer" until now. That's because there isn't one for 2015.

If we go back through the decades, there has always been a SotS, a multi-week chart-topping track that a) was ubiquitous to the point of annoying; b) was singable by even the most casual music fan; c) was the cause of headache-inducing earworms; and d) — and this is the nebulous part — encapsulated the zeitgeist of that particular northern hemisphere summer.

Need some examples? Satisfaction from the Stones back in '65. The Knack and My Sharona from '79. When Doves Cry from Prince in '84. In 1996, it was all about Macarena by Los Del Rio. Umbrella from Rihanna in 2007. You get the idea.

But 2015 is different. As far as anyone can tell — and I track all the charts and radio sites and music blogs — no song meets the accepted SotS criteria this year. There's no Blurred Lines, no Call Me Maybe, no Fancy, no Somebody I Used to Know. Nothing that anyone can call a true anthem for those months between May and September. Nothing that, when we hear it years from now, we'll say "I remember that year! It's when [fill in the blank]." Nothing that will instantly get aunts and uncles dancing awkwardly at

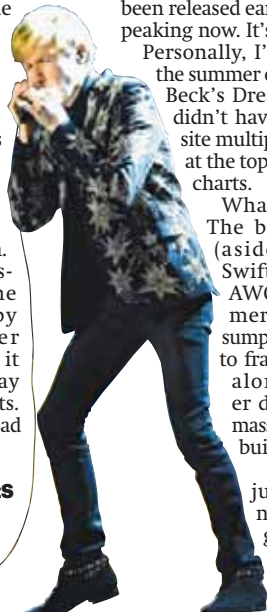
a wedding in two years.

Well, what about Trap Queen by Fetty Wap and Cheerleader by OMI? Both made pop culture inroads but not to the extent that previous SotS songs have. See You Again by Wiz Khalifa was huge, but it's too sombre.

What about Taylor Swift. Shake It Off? Peaked too soon. It was a massive hit in the spring but by time summer rolled around, it was on its way down the charts. What about her Bad

Both OMI, left, and Beck had SotS contenders that didn't quite pop off the charts.

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Blood? The video turned off too many people. Can't Feel My Face by The Weeknd? Maybe if it had been released earlier. It's only peaking now. It's too late.

Personally, I'll associate the summer of 2015 with Beck's Dreams, but it didn't have the requisite multiple-week stay at the top of the singles charts.

What happened? The big pop stars (aside from Ms. Swift) have been AWOL this summer. Music consumption continues to fragment. Radio alone no longer dictates those massive consensus-building hits.

Or maybe — just maybe — no one wrote a great summer pop song this year.

MUSIC NOTES

Beauty Behind the Madness

Before his new album, The Weeknd had become an alt-R&B figurehead, mostly on the strength of his sunless mixtapes populated by dour tours of joyless nights at the club.

Though he had proven a gift for crafting alluring atmosphere in his music, he had only once penetrated the Top 60 on the U.S. singles chart and had seldom seemed interested in catering to the broadest tastes.

In less than a year, he's scored four Top 10 hits, including his first No. 1 in Can't Feel My Face. It's a near-unprecedented run for an R&B singer, particularly a press-averse Canadian who sings ennui-haunted odes to cursed drug trips. THE CANADIAN PRESS

The Weeknd
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NEW ALBUM RELEASE

Getting ready for The Weeknd

From start to finish — quite literally — the Weeknd's hulking smash album Beauty Behind the Madness features the handiwork of Canadian songwriter Stephan Moccio.

The 42-year-old from St. Catharines, Ont., co-wrote both the album's opener Real Life and its closer, Angel, plus its double-platinum centrepiece single Earned It.

If the Weeknd's ascent from melancholy wallflower to perhaps the world's most sizzling pop star seems unlikely, well,

so is the odd couple partnership between two Canadians.

"We don't know exactly how it works," an energetic Moccio said ahead of the Friday release of Beauty Behind the Madness.

"You've got a guy who sings these edgy lyrics and you got a guy who composes classical music and loves pop songwriting, and you put them in the room together, and the result is something really special.

"You wouldn't necessarily think that. I come from the classical world and he comes from

the dark hip-hop world.

"But we've become collaborators and friends for life."

Moccio first met Abel Tesfaye, a.k.a. The Weeknd, when the majestically coiffed singer walked into his Los Angeles studio last October.

"We connected very fast — like brothers," Moccio said.

"The marriage is in a lot of ways a really perfect one on a creative level," Moccio said.

"We both know it. His team knows it.

"We're already thinking of the next album." THE CANADIAN PRESS



"We're just a modern-day (Burt) Bacharach and Hal David. We need each other."

Stephan Moccio, above, who co-wrote three songs on The Weeknd's new album, right.





Road therapy

SOLO TRIP

Finding inner peace driving 3,600 km across the Maritimes

Jennifer Foden
For Metro

Needing an escape from home in Toronto, I wound up in Newfoundland in mid-

April on a whim to road-trip solo to New Brunswick. I had no plan or real route in mind, relying on people I met along the way to best advise.

I didn't realize that driving more than 3,600 kilometres by myself would not only afford me the time to reflect on my life, but also provide me with the opportunity to meet dozens of strangers, who amazed me with their East Coast kindness daily. Both this time and care were almost like therapy, bringing me back home more at peace than when I left.



1 Microbrews and hiking in Newfoundland

I started my journey in St. John's, couchsurfing with a laid-back farmer I found through couchsurfing.com. He not only opened his home, but offered me up home-cooked meals, local brews and literally the coat off his back. He and his artsy pals suggested I check out local microbrewery Quidi Vidi (located in a charming fishing village just outside the city) and hike the Earth's mantle at the Tablelands in Gros Morne National Park (650 kilometres west of St. John's). I did both.

TRAVEL ON THE CHEAP

I spent roughly \$1,750 for 15 days. This included the car rental/insurance (which alone was \$1,000), gas, food, beer, entertainment, etc. It helped that I never paid for accommodation thanks to couchsurfing.

4 Going with the tides in New Brunswick

I wandered the ocean floor at Hopewell Rocks, and while it may be the iconic thing to do in New Brunswick, it's totally worth the visit. I then headed to Saint John, 150 kilometres southwest of Moncton, where I made new friends. They welcomed me into their home with open arms, where we shared beers and stories and they recommended Saint John City Market, which is filled with local food and art.



3 Finding the beef in P.E.I.

I arrived in Prince Edward Island during Burger Love, a month-long celebration of Island beef that has restaurants across the province creating one-of-a-kind burgers. While you may not be passing through during this annual event, it needs to be said that P.E.I. (known for Anne of Green Gables and coastal drives) also has some amazing eateries. My couchsurfing host was keen to share a table with me: four burgers in two days. Favourites included Gahan House and the Prince Edward.



2 Good eats and good company in Nova Scotia

I took the ferry to Nova Scotia before messaging a friend of a friend who lived in Halifax. I had reached out to him to meet up for a drink that night — he called and insisted I crash in his spare room for as long as I wanted. We drove to Hubbards, along the north shore of St. Margarets Bay, where we sat on the beach and ate the best clam chowder of my life from Trellis Café. We also drove through Lunenburg, a port town full of vibrant architecture.



MAP: ISTOCK; PHOTOS BY JENNIFER FODEN/FOR METRO

READY TO ROLL

Checklist for thriving and surviving on a family road trip

Michael Palmer and his family didn't have to look further than their van to help them unplug from their busy schedules.

In 2013, he set off with his wife, Catharine Maxwell-Palmer, and their kids Andrew, Ryan and Jenna — now ages 11, nine and eight — on a cross-Canada adventure that took them from Calgary to the northern tip of Newfoundland and Labrador.

The author and entrepreneur documented their journey in his upcoming humorous travel book *No Tranquilizers!* 17,000 kms, 63 Days, 3 Kids, 1 Van.

Palmer has partnered with Canadian Tire to share road trip tips for families embarking on their own adventures. Here are four ways to get ready for the ride:

1. Don't overplan

Palmer said the family had a lot of fun and saw many beautiful places, but admitted they "probably packed in too many destinations."

"Looking back, we were almost jumping around a bit too much at times. We really didn't have a chance to sit there and

smell the roses."

He said it's important to involve everyone in the decision-making to help foster a greater connection and excitement.

2. Don't overpack

Palmer said they only wore about half of what they brought.

"It's good to have some things in place. Some extra clothing, some rain jackets ... because you're going to go through a

lot of the elements, fog and rain and what have you. But you've got to be reasonable about it."

3. Keep kids occupied — but limit screen time

"When you're in a vehicle for five or six hours a day, things can get a bit snaky in the back seat with the kids. They can be bored, they can be tired, they can be hungry," said Palmer.

He said they like to pack an "entertainment bag" for each child, which they can tailor with

their favourite car games, puzzles or books. They also enjoyed outside viewing activities like the alphabet game, in which participants try to locate items starting with the letter "A" and so on.

"We're trying to engage them with the outside world so they aren't just plugged into screens all the time," said Palmer, noting that screen time was limited to 45 minutes daily.

4. Prepare for the unexpected

As they travelled through Cape Breton, N.S., Palmer said his daughter had the flu and wound

up vomiting in the back seat.

He recommended having sanitizing wipes at the ready, as well as an emergency roadside kit.

Palmer said they'd drive five to six hours a day, stopping for breaks every 2 1/2 hours. As the trip wore on, even the break habit evolved — especially when nature called.

"In the beginning, we tried to stick to clean bathrooms and gas stations.... Then near the end ... we'd just pull over to the side of the road and the kids would use the washroom with cars whizzing by." THE CANADIAN PRESS

TIME SAVER
A GPS can help ensure travellers don't veer too far off course or schedule.

TRAVEL NOTES ECO-TOURS, ANCIENT TEMPLES AND CHEAP DIGS
Latin adventure

Signature vacations just launched Off the Beaten Path, a program that lets you add full- or half-day tours to your all-inclusive vacation, booking before you travel. Locations so far include Costa Rica, Panama, and La Ceiba and Roatán in Honduras. Go on sight-seeing tours, canoe trips, discovery hikes, adventure sports and more. Visit SignatureVacations.com.



Hot springs at Rincón de la Vieja Volcano National Park, Costa Rica. CONTRIBUTED

Bucket list: Angkor

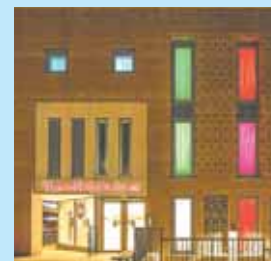
At Angkor in northern Cambodia, once the largest pre-industrial city in the world circa 800 AD, more than 1,000 Hindu and Buddhist shrines rise up from the jungle near Siem Reap. Angkor Wat is the centrepiece complex, with 10th-century temple Banteay Srei considered one of the crown jewels. A three-day visit will barely scratch the surface. Go to TourismCambodia.com.



Temples of Angkor, Cambodia. KATHRYN LIPTRITT

Unbundling trend

With enterprises like Airbnb getting more and more action, budget hotel chains are taking a hit. With a cue from the airlines, Malaysia-based Tune Hotels is giving guests the chance to pick and pay for amenities they want. You start with a bare-bones price, then opt in for things you will use (hairdryer, safe, certain toiletries, TV, etc.). Visit TuneHotels.com. DOUG WALLACE



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Drinking up Milwaukee's culture

WISCONSIN

No need to collect pint glasses to enjoy this midwestern metropolis

Mike Dojc
For Metro

Miller, Pabst, Schlitz, Blatz and Shottz — the fictional brewery Laverne & Shirley worked at as bottlecappers — put Milwaukee on the map. Suds heritage certainly still informs the city's culture but these days there's much more to Wisconsin's most populous metro than beer, brats, and those rib-tickling racing sausages that ring in the seventh-inning stretch at Brewers home games.

With an action-packed riverfront, an expanding art museum with a building as impressive as the art, plus an exploding dining scene carving out a unique culinary identity you can easily spend a weekend milling around Milwaukee without feeling compelled to cosy up to a tap and declare it Miller Time.

Urban paddling

The Milwaukee river rolls right through downtown, and offers a



Clockwise from left: The Riverwalk pedestrian walkway along the Milwaukee River; the Milwaukee Art Museum at night; and the Harley-Davidson Museum. Inset: The writer with the Bronze Fonz.

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great vantage for drinking in the city's varied architectural makeup — a kaleidoscope of art deco, cream-bricked, and modern glass structures.

From a perch upon a sea kayak you can scope out the revitalized urban core, and behold the skyline as it reflects in the ripples

of the water. Glide by the patios along the Riverwalk and the galleries and theaters that dot the historic Third Ward. For an eyeful of gleaming hogs, cruise on up the Menomonee to the Harley-Davidson Museum.

Two-wheeled action

William S. Harley and the three Davidson brothers are responsible for making the streets of Milwaukee rumble.

Whether you ride or the

closest you get to a motorcycle is watching Sons of Anarchy, there's really something for everybody amidst the myriad of chromed displays paying homage to the iconic American brand at the Harley-Davidson Museum (400 W. Canal St.).

If self-propelled wheeling is more your speed, Milwaukee is decked out with 100 miles of bike lanes that meander through parks and hug the shores of the Lake Michigan. Bublr bike rental

stations abound downtown (\$3 per 30 minutes).

Museum appreciation

The Milwaukee Art Museum is a cable-strewn schooner of museum. It's glass "prow" and steel-finned brise soleil that fans out the width of a Boeing 747 cuts an impressive jib. Thanks to a massive \$31-million renovation well underway that'll add new gallery space and dial up the drabber older sections of the

city's landmark on the lake, it's full steam ahead.

If you have a taste for the modern, Van Gogh to Pollack: Modern Rebels, on display through Sept. 20, explores a century of art movements from post-impressionism to abstract expressionism.

Choice chow

While cravings for Milwaukee's old-world cuisine of wiener schnitzel, spaetzle, and strudel dishes can still be satisfied at Karl Ratzsch's or Mader's, the dining scene has matured beyond beefy German comfort food. This is now a city that regularly trots out James Beard finalists.

The Walker's Point neighbourhood is filled with inventive chefs playing their culinary chops. At Braise (1101 S. 2nd St.), chef David Swanson, a three-time nominee for James Beard's Best Chef in the Midwest title, is an ardent believer in peak-season produce, so the menu is ever changing but always tantalizing. Recent dishes included kale risotto cakes and a Filipino humba. At Purple Door Ice Cream (205 S. 2nd St.), a farm-to-cone scoop shop, allow your sweet tooth to be seduced by exotic flavour combos from lemon cardamom to fig and black tea.

Some travel and accommodation costs were courtesy of the Wisconsin Department of Tourism.

EDUCATIONAL FUN

Get the kids back in the learning head space with these museums

ON THE MOVE

Loren Christie



As the classroom beckons, a visit to one of Canada's kid-friendly museums is the perfect way to end off summer and kick-start your child's brain before they head back to school.

Travel the world

The Canadian Children's Museum is housed within the

Canadian Museum of History (formerly known as the Canadian Museum of Civilization) in Gatineau, just across the Ottawa River from Ottawa.

Within the museum's walls kids can travel the world: play with shadow puppets from Thailand, try on a kimono from Japan, relax in a Bedouin camp, shop a market in France or drive a brightly coloured Pakistani bus.

Fill up the passport given upon arrival with stamps as a souvenir of your visit.

Know your rights

The Magna Carta exhibit at Winnipeg's Canadian Museum for Human Rights is currently showcasing the world's most famous human rights charter, alongside some of Canada's most important foundational documents. Interactive technology makes these documents accessible and interesting to all ages.

For some hands-on fun, check out the family activity area, which includes a photo area where the kids can get decked out in medieval costumes, play a

game of chess on a giant board, try their hand at calligraphy or relax in the reading lounge.

Official family days at the museum are Tuesday, Thursday and Sunday.

Playtime

The Montréal Science Centre offers some widely accessible and interactive exhibitions, which are perfect for kids. Game On chronicles the history of video games, which includes multiple playable stations, and Fabrik is a challenging workshop where

kids take on creative challenges involving invention and assembly-work. The museum's theatre is currently presenting Pandas 3D and Cousteau's Secret Ocean 3D.

The museum is located in the quays of Old Montreal right next to the Montreal Zipline should your kids need some additional enticement.

Go back in time

The Royal British Columbia Museum in Victoria makes learning easy by presenting the natural and social history of the province

in highly realistic and immersive settings. From a woolly mammoth in his rocky, icy world to a trip on the tar-scented HMS Discovery, kids will be easily charmed by this first-class museum.

A stroll through Old Town's wood-cobbled street complete with shops, cinema and a railway station is like being in a giant dollhouse. There are educators throughout the family-friendly facility ready to answer any questions your eager learners might have.



RAINMEN

Basketball franchise to announce future plans

Halifax's professional basketball franchise is expected to announce its future plans next week.

Andre Levingston, former owner of the Halifax Rainmen, said Thursday there will be "a special press conference" at the Nova Scotia Sport Hall of Fame in downtown Halifax at 11 a.m. next Thursday.

"As a strong past supporter of the Rainmen, I would like you to be among the first to hear about the plan ahead," Levingston wrote in an email to media and team supporters. "Hoping you will be part of this exciting announcement."

The future of the Rainmen has been unclear since the National Basketball League of Canada club filed for bankruptcy in early July, following a season that saw the team forfeit Game 7 of its championship series against the Windsor Express.

Coaches and players cited safety concerns as their reason for not showing up for the NBL Canada final, which resulted in \$90,000 worth of fines doled out by the league.

The club's debt totalled close to \$700,000, according to bankruptcy documents.

But league commissioner Dave Magley said things look "pretty promising right now" for the team while on a recent trip to Halifax.

KRISTEN LIPSCOMBE/METRO

Blue Jays' bats kept at bay

MLB

Gallardo leads Rangers to win, avoiding sweep

Yovani Gallardo earned his 100th career victory, Delino DeShields had a part in all the Texas runs even without an RBI and the Rangers stopped the Toronto Blue Jays' five-game winning streak, 4-1 Thursday.

The AL East-leading Blue Jays lead the majors with 5.4 runs per game, and had outscored opponents 54-19 during their recent string.

With two runners on in the seventh, DeShields hit a single that rolled past charging right-fielder Jose Bautista. The ball wound up on the warning track and DeShields circled the bases on the error for a 4-0 lead.

Gallardo (11-9) threw 5-1/3 scoreless innings, giving up three hits while striking out two and walking three. He improved to 100-73 in 241 career games with Milwaukee (2007-14) and Texas.

Gallardo became the fourth native of Mexico to win 100, joining Fernando Valenzuela (173), Esteban Loaiza (126) and Ismael Valdez (104).

In two starts against Toronto this season, Gallardo has thrown 13-2/3 scoreless innings.

Shawn Tolleson worked the ninth for his 26th save in 28 chances as Texas avoided a three-game sweep. He had converted 12 in a row before Tuesday night's series opener, when he gave up two runs in



Delino DeShields of the Rangers slides home safely past the tag of Blue Jays catcher Dioner Navarro on Thursday in Arlington, Texas. SARAH CRABILL/GETTY IMAGES

the ninth inning of a 6-5 loss.

Sam Dyson got Troy Tulowitzki to ground into an inning-ending double play with the bases loaded in the seventh.

The Rangers never trailed after DeShields drew a walk from Marco Estrada (11-8) in the first and scored on Mitch Moreland's single.

DeShields finished 2-for-2 with three walks after going 6-for-38 with 13 strikeouts the

THURSDAY In Texas

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previous nine games.

Edwin Encarnacion stretched his hitting streak to 22 games, the longest in the majors this season, with an RBI double in

the Toronto eighth. He hit a scorching liner that got past DeShields in right-centre as Bautista scored from first.

In the Texas seventh, slow-running catcher Bobby Wilson was going to be held up at third until the ball got past Bautista. Rather than bases loaded, Wilson and Hanser Alberto scored with the speedy DeShields following close behind.

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+ NEXT UP

After an eight-game road trip, Toronto opens a nine-game homestand Friday night against Detroit. R.A. Dickey (8-10, 4.26) will take the mound against former teammate Matt Boyd (1-4, 7.04), who was part of the David Price trade.



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Usain Bolt's legs survived Justin Gatlin in the 200-metre final, then a collision with this photographer on his victory lap.

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Can't knock brilliant Bolt

ZOOM SPRINT

Jamaican beats Gatlin in Round 2 before Segway bowls him over

Only when the running stopped and the picture-taking began did Usain Bolt finally meet his match.

Bolt blew past Justin Gatlin and everyone else Thursday night in the 200 metres to win his 10th career gold medal at the world championships.

What finally upended the six-foot-five Jamaican was a multi-

tasking cameraman riding a Segway while videotaping Bolt's victory lap. The scooter ran over the outcropping of a metal railing bolted to the edge of the track and bobbed off course — then slammed into the back of the fastest two legs on the planet.

Bolt's legs came out from under him and he went down hard and landed on his backside. Then, smooth as silk, he somersaulted backward onto his feet, jogged a few steps, and reached down to make sure his left leg was OK.

He was no worse for wear but figured he'd try to make the evening at least a little more inter-

esting. "The rumour I'm trying to start right now is that Justin Gatlin paid him off," Bolt said, while sitting next to Gatlin in the medalists' news conference. Gatlin's response: "I want my money back. He didn't complete the job."

Indeed, it may take more than just a motivated opponent to finish off Bolt, who now has five gold medals at the Bird's Nest, including the three he took at the 2008 Beijing Olympics when he set world records in the 100, 200 and 4x100 relay.

The split-second scare with the Segway provided what Bolt's season-best 19.55 seconds on the

track did not. Namely, drama.

This was billed as the second round of the Bolt vs. Gatlin series that produced the champion's grittiest win four nights earlier. Bolt's .01-second victory in the 100 came despite a year's worth of injuries and off-form running that continued all the way through the semifinals. Like most sequels, Part II didn't live up to the original.

Bolt coasted in and still won by .19 seconds. The winner used his thumbs to point at himself as he crossed the finish line and flashed his index finger: He's No. 1 — just in case anyone had any doubts. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

IN BRIEF

Sinclair injury may be less serious than first expected

The prognosis on Canadian captain Christine Sinclair, who had to be helped off the field last weekend in a NWSL game, may be better than in initial reports suggested.

Sinclair's left leg was hurt in a collision with Sky Blue goalkeeper Brittany Cameron in the Portland Thorns' 1-0 loss in New Jersey on

Saturday. "Fingers crossed," Thorns coach Paul Riley said earlier this week, the Oregonian newspaper reported. THE CANADIAN PRESS

NHL free agent Richards charged with drug offence

Police in Manitoba have charged NHL player Mike Richards with possession of a controlled substance.

The RCMP say he is due

to appear in provincial court in Emerson, Man., on September 10.

Police say a 30-year-old male was arrested and released on June 17 after the Emerson RCMP detachment was notified that a controlled substance had been intercepted by Canada Border Services Agency officers at the Emerson port of entry. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Cook time: 8 minutes

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- 4 oz soba noodles
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- 1 1/2 cups sliced red bell pepper
- 1 1/2 cup sliced mango strips
- 12 oz shelled, defrosted deveined large shrimp
- 1 Tbsp Sriracha
- 2 tsp minced ginger
- 2 Tbsp chopped cilantro
- 3 Tbsp toasted chopped cashews

Dressing

- 3 Tbsp sweet red chili sauce
- 2 Tbsp low sodium soy sauce
- 1 Tbsp vegetable oil
- 2 tsp sesame oil
- 2 tsp lemon juice

Directions

1. Cook soba noodles just until tender, about eight minutes. Drain and rinse with cold water. Add to a large bowl along with onions, bell peppers and mango.

2. Meanwhile, in a large skillet sprayed with vegetable oil, add shrimp, Sriracha and ginger. Sauté for five minutes or until just cooked. Let cool.

3. Dressing: Combine all ingredients and pour over noodles and vegetables. Mix well, place on serving platter, top with shrimp, cilantro and cashews.

Nutrition per serving

- Calories 340
- Protein 24 g
- Carbohydrates 40 g
- Fibre 2 g
- Total fat 2 g
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- Cholesterol 130 mg
- Sodium 850 mg

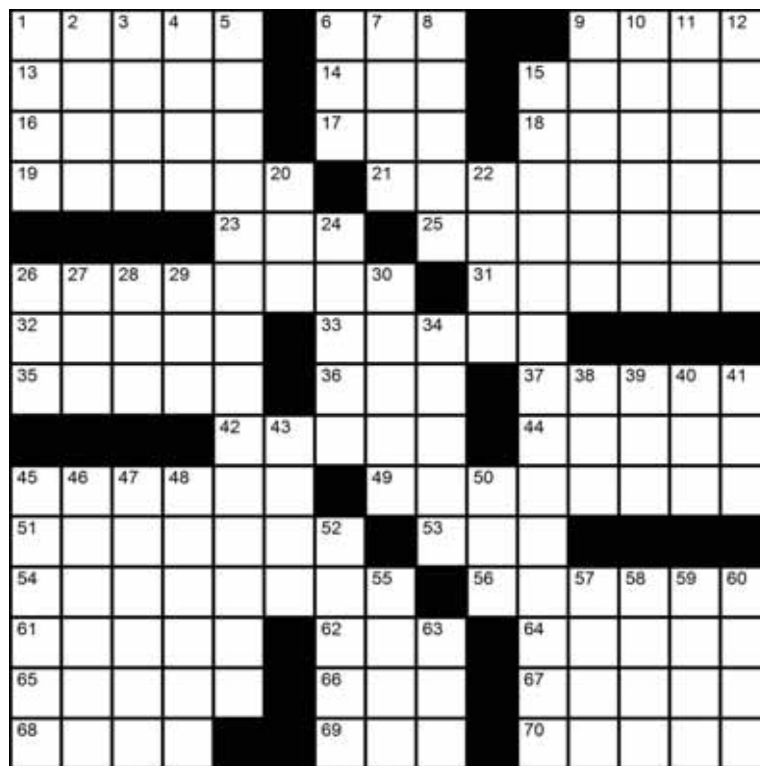
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ACROSS

- Surname of "The Flintstones" co-creator
- Contribute
- Light fog
- Classic theatre
- Riddle-me-__
- Hertz __ Car
- Involved in the activity
- Mr. Watanabe of movies
- Canadian doctor, the "Father of Modern Medicine", William __ (b.1849 - d.1919)
- Snoozing
- Business presentation graphic: 2 wds.
- Sanction
- Patrick of "The Red Green Show"
- John __ (Head Coach of the Calgary Stampeders)
- More visibly embarrassed
- Kettle part
- Trim again
- Procol __ (British band)
- "Norma __" (1979)
- Liquid dish soap scent
- Baker's supply
- Sports venue
- Overly basks in one's triumph
- French Protestant who believed in the doctrines of theologian John Calvin (b.1509 - d.1564)
- Military craft locale: 2 wds.
- Earth's lamp



- Domineer
- Nape
- "Street __" (1987 to 1994 Canadian series)
- Curtains holder
- French artist Mr. Matisse
- Gnaw geologically

- Psychedelic drug
- __ a high note
- Unit of force
- Nevertheless
- Inn's booked spots

DOWN

- Daytime TV host

- Ms. Kotb
- Hubbubs
- "Song Sung Blue" singer Mr. Diamond
- Zero
- Film about New Zealand writer Janet Frame, "An __ __" (1990)

- Sacred chest
- Way down in the ground
- Jeans fabric
- Interlocked
- From the shore
- Laurence __, 18th-century author of Tristram Shandy
- Sauce served

- with seafood
- Bruce Cockburn song with this projectile weapon in the title: 2 wds.
- Nail down
- Almond shade
- Hamilton songstress Ms. Lightfoot
- Prince Albert of Monaco's title letters
- Work __ sweat
- 'F' in FWIW
- __-chah-nulth (People of the Pacific Coast of Vancouver Island)
- Dog walker's need
- The Whale constellation
- Another time, long ago
- Sign on a restroom door
- "Thou, too, sail __, Ship of State!" - Longfellow
- __ Geo (Nature mag, fun-style)
- Feminine suffix
- Jailed, in Britain
- Chaufeur's uniform
- Beaver State
- Grate
- Director Mr. Van Sant
- Too soon
- Kennedy matriarch
- City in Nevada
- Reverse
- Gift tag word
- 1950s cars features
- Banned insecticide

★ IT'S ALL IN THE STARS by Sally Brompton

♈ Aries March 21 - April 20

You may be tempted to mess with something that, while not working perfectly, is still going okay. Resist the urge, making changes today could do more harm than good.

♉ Taurus April 21 - May 21

You don't usually have doubts but you may hesitate today. The good news is that your indecision will in a strange way work in your favour.

♊ Gemini May 22 - June 21

Don't be fooled by someone who wants you to believe that your paths have crossed purely by chance. Be friendly but don't be taken in by any offers they might make, almost certainly they are designed to make them rich and you poor.

♋ Cancer June 22 - July 23

Some of the people you meet today will be touchy for no reason. Don't get caught up in their petty disputes, because you have issues of your own that need dealing with.

♌ Leo July 24 - Aug. 23

You may be tempted to give up on something but the planets warn it is likely you are not seeing things straight. The tide will turn in your favour soon. Don't take any drastic decisions today.

♍ Virgo Aug. 24 - Sept. 23

You are strongly advised to resist taking risks where the odds are stacked against you. You don't have to be negative but you do have to be sensible.

♎ Libra Sept. 24 - Oct. 23

Because you feel vulnerable you may be inclined to think there is a hidden catch to what you are now being offered. You could not, in fact, be more wrong, so go for it or you could miss out on something good.

♏ Scorpio Oct. 24 - Nov. 22

Friends may beg you to get involved in something they promise will be a lot of fun but your sixth sense tells you there is more to it than that, and your sixth sense is rarely wrong. Do only what you feel comfortable with.

♐ Sagittarius Nov. 23 - Dec. 21

Success is coming but you will have to wait a few more weeks. The longer you have to wait the bigger the rewards you will receive. Be patient.

♑ Capricorn Dec. 22 - Jan. 20

You are advised not to act on what you hear today, no matter how tempting. The information you get, even if it comes from a trusted source, is not reliable, so hold back and wait to see how things develop.

♒ Aquarius Jan. 21 - Feb. 19

You could get fixated on something that in the greater scheme of things is of only minor importance. Strive to keep things in perspective today.

♓ Pisces Feb. 20 - March 20

You may prefer to give people the benefit of the doubt but you should be wary of someone you think you can trust. Yes, maybe you are being suspicious for no good reason, but better safe than sorry.

CONCEPTIS SUDOKU by Dave Green

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